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DISADVANTAGES OF COUNTRY BOYS.

AN ADDRESS

DELIVERED AT THE FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL FAIR OF THE HOUSATONIC AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY,

BY REV. WASHINGTON GLADDEN,

OF SPRINGFIELD.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:—When I received your invitation to deliver an address at this Fair, I asked myself why have they sent for me? The business which brings you here is one that I have no knowledge of. I know nothing of ensilage, potato bugs or hog cholera. You did not ask me to come here to make myself ridiculous. I therefore infer that you wished me to say something that goes outside of your regular work. The lawyer who is nothing but a trader, the minister who is nothing but a parson are unlovely specimens of men. No doubt the tendency of the present time is to make men specialists, but something more than this is needed. The farmer needs something outside of his trade. The development of manhood on the farm is a matter of no secondary importance to you. What men are growing up on our farms, and what facilities our farms have for raising men are, I believe, subjects which interest you. It is said that the farms of New England are the best farms there are for raising men. Such a product is above all others in value. We may imagine that men could have been created mature men at once; but the process of nature is one of growth. Every tree was once a sapling, every goose was once a gosling. The age of immaturity is disagreeable; boys are hard to manage; they are always breaking something. Thus the critics complain; but we say it is as it is, and maintain that the present method is the best. It alone is capable of giving men character, and character is the fruit of experience and experience is the fruit of trial. To be a man, you must have gone through trials and temptations, losses and gains, defeats and triumphs. You must bear the marks of discipline. Many a man has been spoiled in the process; but there is no excellence, no beauty of finish, but it is a result of this experience. No ready made man

could ever have accomplished as much. It is a question whether man could have been made outright as we now find him. As well can we imagine God to have made the rocks outright with all the marks of the ages upon them, to deceive us. A boy once said to his father, "Can God do anything? Can he make a two year-old colt in a minute?" It was difficult for the father to show how God could make a colt two years old.

Let us now consider a few facts showing the advantages which country boys have over city boys. Some of you may remember the paper, showing the disadvantages of city boys, and the advantages of country boys, which I had published some time ago. In this paper it was shown that most of the leading men of Springfield were either born in the country or in small villages. Some may think that the list was unfairly made out, or they may think the case of Springfield exceptional. In regard to the first objection I will say that I made out the list as fairly as I could. I selected the leading merchants, lawyers, bankers and teachers. The selection was such that in the majority of cases I could have made no exceptions. Whether Springfield is an exceptional city is not so easily answered, but I have evidence that it is not. In the city of Sandusky four-fifths of the leading men have had more or less of farm life or training. Some argue that the larger cities, such as Chicago and Boston, would show a different result, and that some of the boys raised in Springfield and Sandusky might be found occupying places of prominence in the great cities. But investigation, so far as it has been made, does not support this theory. A New York merchant recently stated that of the successful business men of New York, fully seven tenths came from the country. It is also well to recollect that not one of the twenty-one presidents of the United States was born in a city. Farms are the places to raise boys. If this statement is so, there is no better test than that of success. Perhaps it is not true. The majority of successful men came from the farms. But what is success? The answer might be, material success, the outstripping of competitors. The great characteristic of the men I have described is power. They have great physical power and firmness of will. They are almost always men of great pertinacity. The bulldog element is strong in them. They often have other important characteristics, such as clearness of judgment; nevertheless, the more I think, the more am I convinced that strenuousness of will is wanting. Frugality, especially in the financial world, is a second nature to such men as we have mentioned. Their wants are few. Even when they are wealthy, their personal requirements are simple, although they may allow their families to be extravagant. This faculty helped to give them an early start in life. Few men accomplish much who do not begin to save while they are young. It has been said by millionaires that it is harder to save the first $1,000 than a $1,000,000. For the young fellow who has to begin in a small way and encounters constant temptations to spend, it is no easy task to save $1,000. To sum up, the central qualities necessary for success are physical vigor, strength of will and frugality.

Country young men are more likely to possess these qualities than

city young men. The out-door work of the farmer gives them health, and they learn to bend themselves down to toil. They learn how to work, and to work is the royal road to success. Frugality they also acquire, for the environment of farm life naturally promotes it. But there are several things to be remembered here. The country boys who go to the city cannot all stand at the head. My figures show 88 prominent country-bred men in a population of 40,000, or one country bred man in 400. Not all of the farmer boys in Springfield are included in this list. Many of them are making only a miserable living and are in straightened circumstances. There are hundreds of country boys in the cities who are earning but a little in stores and shops and who would do better were they on farms working for $12 or $15 a month, with board and washing. The prizes are few, the competitors are many. Only the strongest even of the country boys succeed. The law that rules is the survival of the fittest.

Farm life does not always develop the strong qualities which we have mentioned as necessary for success, but it tends to develop them. Many, indeed, go to the city because they are not willing to subject themselves to work. Such are no better off than the city boys; they are not half so well off, for the city boy knows how to get at the opportunities for success. Not one in one hundred country boys can be successful. Probably one-half of the country boys who go to the city are less prosperous in a material point of view than if they had remained in the country. The question now comes up, are the elements of power we have been talking of, the highest kind of power? The man with physical power, with will and frugality, is fitted to push his way in any calling. But are these men the best men? Take the eighty-eight men on my list; how would their characters weigh? Some are good, but many are ignorant; many are close and selfish. I do not think that they are the men who enjoy life most. There are wide realms of thought and beauty which they do not enter. The universe is a sealed book to them, and so are most other books. Into the great realm of literature they do not often venture. Travel affords them little pleasure. How much more suggestive travel would be to them, were they acquainted with books describing the places they visit. They lack sympathy with the world. The man who does not know the rewards of general philanthropy, does not know the good of life. The habit of these men is competition and they regard others as rivals. As a rule the men who carry off the prizes, usually lack the highest enjoyment of life. As men, such men are not successes.

And now we have come to the point on which we wish to lay stress. It is that country training is more apt to fit men for successful competition than for better things. In the best things there is no competition. They are the things the more of which each man has, the more there is for all men. Farm life gives a man force, equips him for successful struggling. But more than this is needed. It can make a man a great boss or money maker, but it does not cultivate character or give great breadth or depth of mind. The training now given the boy on the farm tends to send him off from it. He acquires a force that enables him to go away. He says to himself, I have force,

I can go to the city and win by competition. If trained more broadly, he might decide that it is better not to go to the city and enter the lists of competition. An important remedy for this evil would be an improvement of the common schools. The great objection to the farm life is its loneliness. This is what principally causes boys and girls to desire to go to the city. The trouble is that their mental resources are so small. If we could make them see that there was something good on the farm, so that they could be contented, it would be a great step gained. Would it not be well to spread something new before their minds, and devote much of the time now given to the grind of arithmetic, to natural history, to studying specimens of minerals in the neighborhood. Give the country boy a training which will cause him to watch birds and insects with friendly interest and make him see that his life is not so lonely as it once appeared. You will make for him, then, an environment that will be adapted to him, and to which he will be adapted. Boys could usually learn enough of arithmetic and geography in half of the time now given to those studies, and the rest of the time could be profitably devoted to natural sciences. Teachers ought also to try to cultivate in their pupils a love of good reading; they ought to open up resources to their scholars that would fill many working hours with pleasure. But if a taste for reading is cultivated, its demands must be supplied. Good periodicals and books must be furnished. It is also highly important that the home life should be improved and rendered more pleasant. Home amusements are needed.

There is not enough moral and religious culture. One of the greatest disadvantages experienced by country boys is the immoral influences by which they are surrounded. I know there is more danger in the country to the morals of boys belonging to good families than in the city. In the city society is more assorted, and boys do more in the way of picking out their acquaintances. The associations that are had among the hired men, the conversations that take place in the haymows and under the trees are not of the kind that fit boys to make the best men. I know, for I have been there. The religious institutions ought to be regenerated. Root out the damnable sectarianism. Instead of keeping up two or three spindling churches, throw them down and keep one. It would be better to burn all of the churches but one, and base that one on the Apostles' creed, that's enough, and place a man with blood in his veins in charge of this church. This church ought to be in the centre, from which the best life should circulate. One of the worst disadvantages of country boys is that religion is represented to them in so feeble and petty a way, that they know none of its inspiring influences. I know that it would be difficult to reduce the preceding suggestions to practice, but if effort were made to carry them out, the first effect would be to keep more boys on the farm. But whether they remained at home or went abroad it would make them better men; it would keep them from becoming Jay Goulds, it would help them to lead pure and noble lives in whatever state God should call them.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

SUMMER CROPS.

Whole number of entries, 223. Wheat, 8; five acres Rye, 28; three acres Rye, 35; one acre Rye, 48; five acres Oats, 18; three acre Oats, 24; one acre Oats, 37; Barley, 5; threeacres Grass, 13'; five acres Grass, 7.

The Committee on Summer Crops beg leave to report as follows:

Best one acre of Wheat, E. P. Tanner, Lee,	$7
2d do., E. M. Washburn, Lenox,	6
3d do., George H. Cobb, West Stockbridge,	5
4th do., William O. Curtiss, Lenox,	4
5th do., H. Z. Candee, Sheffield,	3
Best five acres of Rye, E. J. Tobey, West Stockbridge,	8
2d do., T. S. Baldwin, Egremont,	7
3d do., Patrick Burns, Stockbridge,	6
4th do., John Winthrop, Stockbridge,	5
5th do., A. Boice, Egremont,	4
Best three acres of Rye, Dwight Boardman, Sheffield,	8
2d do., Duane B. Dewey, Lenox,	7
3d do., John Rogers, Great Barrington,	6
4th do., J. N. Warner, Sheffield,	5
5th do., Noah Gibson, New Marlboro,	4
For a very fine piece of three acres of Rye, the Committee recommend a premium to Samuel W. Pixley of Great Barrington,	3
Best one acre of Rye, Anson Buck, Stockbridge,	7
2d do., A. W. Barnes, Stockbridge,	6
3d do.. Carlton Curtiss, Stockbridge,	5
4th do., E. T. Clark, Sheffield,	4
5th do., George F. Bradford, Egremont,	3
6th do., E. D. Andrus, Sheffield,	2
Best five acres Oats, Joseph A. Kline, Egremont,	7
2d do., Jacob Van Deusen, Great Barrington,	6
3d do., T. S. Baldwin, Egremont,	5
4th do., P. M. Shaylor, Lee,	4
5th do., Orrin Benedict, Pittsfield,	3
6th do., A. W. Barnes, Stockbridge,	2
Best three acres Oats, E. M. Washburn, Lenox,	7
2d do., A. J. Winters, Sheffield,	6
3d do., J. W. Ford, Stockbridge,	5
4th do., Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington,	4
5th do., J. W. Parks, Sheffield,	3
6th do.. Dennis Hayes. New Marlboro,	2
Best one acre Oats, Joseph Ramsey, Egremont,	6
2d do., Mrs. M. E. Scoville, Egremont,	5
3d do., Andrew Buck, Stockbridge,	4
4th do., J. B. Hull, Stockbridge,	3
5th do., Justin Dewey, Great Barrington,	2
6th do., Isaac Spurr, Sheffield,	1

Best one acre Barley, Jacob Van Deusen, Great Barrington,	$5
2d do., B. Loomis, Egremont,	4
3d do., H. M. Baldwin, West Stockbridge,	2
Best three acres Cultivated Grass, H. C. Byington, Stockbridge,	7
2d do., Michael Hayes, New Marlboro,	6
3d do., Merritt I. Wheeler, Great Barrington,	5
4th do., Daniel Warner, Great Barrington,	4
5th do., Henry Rowe, Egremont,	3
6th do., George F. Woodin, Sandisfield,	2
Best five acres Cultivated Grass, T. S. Baldwin, Egremont,	7
2d do., John B. Walker, New Marlboro,	5
3d do., Henry L. Smith, Lee,	3

B. N. CLARK,
L. K. KLINE, } Committee.

GARDENS.

Committee on Gardens report 20 entries. Vegetable Gardens by professional or hired gardeners, 3; Vegetable Gardens by competitors not professional, 12; Flower Gardens, by competitors not professional, 5. No Flower Gardens by professional or hired gardeners entered.

The Committee on Gardens in their examination found most of the gardens in good condition with some few exceptions, so good generally that in some cases it was difficult to decide between them. When we consider that a good garden is one of the best investments a man can make, it would seem to pay to add thought and observation to experience, for thereby a family may be furnished with a good variety of fresh vegetables at any time in their season. But a garden must have close attention that the weeds may not get the start, for if the grounds are kept clean one year it will be much easier to cultivate the next, and the better way to do that is to get two crops on the same ground as much as possible. Where early peas and potatoes grew, celery, late cabbage for winter use, cauliflower and turnips can be raised which will keep the ground cultivated and prevent the too common growth of weeds after early vegetables are disposed of. We found a lack of cauliflower, celery and melons; few had either, much as they add to the luxuries of the table. The raising of melons is attended with many discouragements, some of which may be overcome. Melons, as well as all vines, should be manured heavily in the hill with fine manure, should be started early and protected by boxes covered on the top with thin cloth, till out of danger from frost and bugs. Against nightly intruders I make no suggestions, leaving each one to protect the ripe melons as his judgment may direct.

We also had the pleasure of visiting five flower-gardens; most of them showed both careful attention and skill in the management, and the wonder is that every home, however humble, has not its flower garden, for it not only adds to the beauty of every home but also to the health of the ladies, for it calls them from their cares into the fresh air and sunshine, and is more of a recreation than an added burden, and we found where the flower gardens were best cared for, household duties were not neglected, and the womanly graces flourished like the flowers.

One word to my successor, whoever he may be, if he has as agree-

able associates as I have had, and everywhere in his visits meets as pleasant people, he may wish to view gardens year after year.

Best Vegetable Garden by professional or hired gardener, H. T. Robbins, Great Barrington,	$5
2d do., William O. Curtis, Lenox,	4
3d do., William Wilson, Great Barrington,	3
Best Vegetable Garden not by professional or hired gardener, Frederick Dellert, Great Barrington,	5
2d do., William W. Norton, Great Barrington,	4
3d do., Frank S. Rood, Sheffield,	3
4th do., Ralph Little, Sheffield,	2
5th do., Frank Andrus, Sheffield,	2
DISCRETIONARY.	
Dwight Andrews Sheffield,	2
Orren E. Clarke, Sheffield,	2
Elisha Collins, Great Barrington,	2
Dr. Charles Heath, Lee,	2
Best Flower Garden, Mrs. Ralph Little, Sheffield,	5
2d do., Mrs. Isaac H. Rice, Great Barrington,	4
3d do., Mrs. Beers, Great Barrington,	3
4th do., Mrs. George W. Lester, Great Barrington,	2
5th do., Miss Olive Saxton, Sheffield,	1

HENRY DRESSER,
MRS. E. L. BOARDMAN, } Committee.
MRS. JOHN B. HULL,

FALL CROPS.

Whole number of entries, 176. Classed as follows: Five acres Corn, 13; three acres Corn, 17; one acre Corn, 33; Sowed Corn, 6; planted Sweet Corn, 5; Buckwheat, 15; Potatoes 30; Beans, 10; Sugar Beets, 1; Mangel Wurtzels, 6; Carrots, 4; Turnips, 6; Cabbage, 8; Farms, 40 acres, 5; Farms, 100 acres, 13.

Your Committee on Fall Crops, having performed their duties to the best of their ability, respectfully submit the following report: With few exceptions crops have been more or less injured by the drought, which was quite as severe in the south as in the north part of the county. In reviewing the Corn crop, we, as a rule obtained very good weights, but a good many pieces were uneven in consequence of the drought. There is a diversity of opinion in regard to the kind of corn to plant, whether large, medium, or small, and to the distance apart. We are fully convinced that the medium and small twelve-rowed varieties give the best and most satisfactory crop for this county. The larger varieties will give pretty good weights, but the ears are not as a rule very well filled out. The fodder is coarse, and, to our notion, the crop as a whole is not as desirable as a variety that will fully mature.

As to the distance apart, we cannot advocate too close planting, or as we come to speak of it, sowing corn, if a crop of grain is desired. Three feet apart each way, giving thirty hills, gave better results than anything nearer, and called for the best premiums *this* year,—even twenty-five hills to the rod gave better results than thirty-six. A piece of planted sweet corn seems to be an excellent crop for the farmer to raise. It feeds both cows and hogs at the same time, and not unfrequently are the family willing to have a share of it.

Potatoes, we think, will average quite a good crop. Burbank

Seedling, St. Patrick, Mammoth Pearl, Beauty of Hebron, and Roses, both early and late, being the leading varieties shown. We were quite pleased with one variety, the Late Beauty of Hebron, raised by Elizur Smith of Lee. With potatoes, as with corn, too close planting is not an advantage. It may give good weights, but the size averages small. Thirty-six hills to the rod, sowed both ways, has shown the best results on the thirty pieces viewed. We found them as close as fifty-eight hills to the rod.

We were called to see, comparatively, few root crops, but are convinced that the root crop is a good one for the farmer to raise. We saw some excellent pieces of carrots and turnips. Mangel Wurtzels had been injured by the drought, and onions, also. There was but one entry of Sugar Beets. They were an excellent crop, and by the judicious use of salt they had been kept from blight, a disease which the beet is heir to in times of drought.

In viewing farms we were pleased to find that farmers, both rich and poor, are not all dead yet. We were much gratified to see how much can be done, and is being done, by utilizing all the available recourses of the farm.

We find that commercial fertilizers are used to some extent and many times with good results, but are somewhat expensive. In our opinion, careful saving and judicious application of everything that can increase the fertility of the farm, combined with thorough cultivation, should engage the attention of the farmers, and will, as a rule, insure good crops and a financial success.

In walking over the different farms, we were called upon to notice improvements made and being made, such as sinking and clearing off rocks; laying them into walls; draining low places; drawing gravel and filling muddy places; repairing and re-arranging barns; re-arranging the ill-arranged house; keeping the roadside clear and clean; setting out shade trees; plowing and reclaiming old pastures; letting not a bush or weed grow by the division fences. All these add to the attractiveness of the farm and home as well as to its value.

From what we have observed we are fully convinced that the question, "Does Farming Pay?" may be answered decidedly in the affirmative, and that the best farming pays the farmer the best.

The Committee on Fall Crops award as follows:

Best five acres Corn, Wellington Clapp, Great Barrington,	$8
2d do., M. W. Butler, Lenox,	7
3d do., J. A. Kline, Egremont,	6
4th do., Isaac H. Rice, Great Barrington,	5
5th do., Orrin Benedict, Pittsfield,	4
6th do., H. L. Smith, Lee,	3
7th do., P. M. Shaylor, Lee,	2
Best three acres Corn, John C. Smith, Sheffield,	8
2d do., N. J. Smith, Stockbridge,	7
3d do., F. K. Hinckley, Lee,	6
4th do., H. C. Byington, Stockbridge,	5
5th do., Stephen Baldwin, Egremont,	4
6th do., George H. Wheeler, Monterey,	3
7th do., W. H. Day, Great Barrington,	2

Best one acre Corn, George Gibson, New Marlboro, $7
2d do., John B. Chadwick, Great Barrington, 6
3d do., George Kellogg, Sheffield, 5
4th do., B. F. Gilmore, Great Barrington, 4
5th do., Jerome Curtiss, New Marlboro, 3
6th do., Dominick Garrihan, New Marlboro, 2
7th do., H. Z. Candee, Sheffield, 1
Best one-half acre Sowed Corn, H. Pendleton, Lee, 5
2d do., Frederick A. Burghardt, Great Barrington, 4
3d do., Orrin Benedict, Pittsfield, 3
4th do., George H. Wheeler Monterey, 3
The other entries of Sowed Corn we did not consider worthy of a preminm.
Best one-half acre planted Sweet Corn, W. O. Curtis, Lenox, 4
2d do., Elihu Church, Alford, 3
3d do., F. A. Palmer, Stockbridge, 2
Best one acre Buckwheat, Orrin Curtiss, Sheffield, 5
2d do., J. W. Parks, Sheffield, 4
3d do., John Snyder, West Stockbridge, 3
4th do., H. C. Byington, Stockbridge, 2
5th do., Samuel Pixley, Great Barrington, 1
Best one-acre Potatoes, Elizur Smith, Lee, 7
2d do., W. O. Curtis, Lenox, 6
3d do., H. L. Smith, Lee, 5
4th do., George H. Wheeler, Monterey, 4
5th do., Orrin Benedict, Pittsfield, 3
6th do., John R. Huggins, Sheffield, 2
Best one-fourth acre White Beans, H. C. Byington, Stockbridge, 3
2d do., George H. Cobb, West Stockbridge, 2
3d do., R. H. Race, Egremont, 1
Best one-half acre Sugar Beets, J. A. Kline, Egremont, 10

STATEMENT OF J. A. KLINE, OF EGREMONT.

In compliance with your request, I have to-day pulled and weighed some of my beets. They weigh 472 pounds to the rod. The culture was simply this: The ground was sowed to corn, last year. Last spring I put about ten loads of dirt (from under a stable) to the acre—plowed the ground the twenty-fifth of May—then sowed 400 pounds of Mape's phosphate, and 400 pounds of salt to the acre; harrowed thoroughly; then ridged about seven ridges to the rod; seed dropped dry about the first of June; variety Lane's improved.

Best one-fourth acre Onions, W. C. French, West Stockbridge, 4
2d do., W. J. Warner, Great Barrington, 3
3d do., L. H. Boardman, Sheffield, 2
4th do., George H. Wheeler, Monterey, 1
Best one-fourth acre Mangle Wurtzels, George Kellogg, Sheffield, 4
2d do., William A. Hall, Monterey, 3
3d do., Jared Bradley, Lee, 2
4th do., W. J. Karner, Pittsfield, 1
Best one-fourth acre carrots, Oscar M. Hall, Great Barrington, 5
2d do., W. G. Karner, Pittsfield, 4
3d do., William A. Hall, Monterey, 3
4th do., George H. Wheeler, Monterey, 2
Best one-fourth acre Turnips, H. D. Hyde, New Marlboro, 4
2d do., William A. Hall, Monterey, 3
3d do., Theodore K. Hewins, West Stockbridge, 2
Best one-fourth acre Cabbage, Louis Schneider, Sheffield, 4
2d do., W. C. French, West Stockbridge, 3
3d do., Michael Cronin, Egremont, 2
Best managed Farm, forty acres, Stephen Baldwin, Egremont, 10
2d do., W. C. French, West Stockbridge, 7
3d do., John M. and George R. Cooper, Stockbridge, 4

Best managed Farm, one hundred acres, Jared Lewis, Great Barrington, $12
2d do., P. M. Shaylor, Lee, 8
3d do., J. A. Kline, Egremont, 4

J. B. WALKER, H. M. BALDWIN, } Committee.

SEEDS.

Whole number of entries, 58; Timothy Seed, 3; Seed Corn, 11; Seed Sweet Corn, 0; Seed Pop Corn, 1; Seed Oats, 13; Seed Rye, 19; Seed Barley, 2; White Beans, 4; Seed Buckwheat, 2; Spring Wheat, 5.

The Committee on Seeds award as follows:

Best Bushel Timothy Seed, T. S. Baldwin, Egremont, $3
2d do., Martin Brown, Egremont, 2
3d do., Duhamel Clark, Lee, 1
Best thirty pounds traced ears Seed Corn, Z. Cande, Sheffield, 3
2d do., H. W. Burget, Egremont, 2
3d do., F. C. Hollenbeck, Great Barrington, 1
Best thirty pounds traced Ears Seed Pop Corn, George E. Ploss, Egremont, 2
Best bushel Seed Oats, J. E. Hollenbeck, Egremont, 3
2d do., Joseph Ramsey, Egremont, 2
3d do., R. H. Race, Egremont, 1
Best bushel Seed Rye, Charles Spur, Sheffield, 3
2d do., Warren Cande, Sheffield, 2
3d do., R. A. Race, Egremont, 1
Best Bushel White Beans, Leonard Post, Egremont, 3
2d do., D. Clark, Lee, 2
3d do., R. H. Race, Egremont, 1
Best bushel Seed Barley, F. A. Burget, Great Barrington, 2
2d do., H. M. Baldwin, West Stockbridge, 1
Best bushel Seed Buckwheat, J. E. Hollenbeck, Egremont, 2
2d do., R. H. Race, Egremont, 1
Best bushel Spring Wheat, Duhamel Clark, Lee, 2
2d do., E. P. Tanner, Lee, 1
Best one-half bushel Seed Potatoes, Dwight Boardman, Sheffield, 4
2d do., Gilfred Smith, Great Barrington, 3
3d do., Joseph Ramsey, Egremont, 2
4th do., G. M. Hollenbeck, Great Barrington, 1

DISCRETIONARY.

Winter Wheat, Joseph Frien, Great Barrington, 1
Traced Corn, George Kellogg, Sheffield, 1
Seed Potatoes, George H. Wheeler, Monterey, 1
Seed Potatoes, George Kellogg, Sheffield, 1
Seed Potatoes, William I. Walker, Great Barrington, 1

HENRY LUCAS, CHARLES F. KELLOGG, CHARLES F. PHELPS, } Committee.

VEGETABLES AND HORTICULTURE.

Whole number of entries, 59. Variety of Vegetables, 4; Horticultural Displays, 2; Potatoes, 18; Beets, 13; Turnips, 3; Squashes, 5; Pumpkins, 4; Cabbage, 7; Tomatoes, 3.

The committee on Vegetables and Horticulture award as follows:

Best and largest variety Garden Vegetables, Frederick Dellert, Gt. Barrington, $6
2d do., M. L. Whitlock, Great Barrington, 5
3d do., Jacob Raifstanger, Stockbridge, 4
4th do., H. T. Candee, Sheffield, 3

Most comprehensive and best Horticultural display, H. Z. Candee, Sheffield, $10
2d do., Dwight Andrus, Sheffield, 8

DISCRETIONARY.

Potatoes, Dwight Boardman, Sheffield, 2
Potatoes, Coridon Hayes, Great Barrington, 1
Potatoes, Gilfred Smith, Great Barrington, 1
Potatoes, R. A. Holmes, Alford, 1
Beets, J. A. Kline, Egremont, 1
Beets, William W. Ford, Sheffield, 1
Beets, Frederick Dellert, Great Barrington, 1
Squash, M. G. Hall, Great Barrington, 1
Squash, F. O. Andrus, Sheffield, 1
Pumpkins, Luther B. Brusie, Great Barrington, 1
Cabbage, Frederick Dellert, Great Barrington, 1
Cabbage, W. C. French, West Stockbridge, 1
Peppers, Frederick Dellert, Great Barrington, 1
Melons, R. L. Boardman, Sheffield, 1
Cauliflower, Jennie Jack, 1
Citron, F. B. Willcox, Sheffield, 1
Parsnips, Orrin E. Clark, Sheffield, 1
Carrots, Frederick Dellert, Great Barrington, 1
Celery, Frederick Dellert, Great Barrington, 1
Water Melon, Lewis Schrongle, Sheffield, 1
Musk Melon, Henry Quackenboss, Great Barrington, 1
One-half bushel Onions, Patrick Hughes, Sheffield, 1
One-half bushel Onions, L. H. Boardman, Sheffield, 1
One-half bushel Onions, W. C. French, West Stockbridge, 1

M. W. STRONG,
EDWIN LUMBERT,
HARRISON GARFIELD, } Committee.

HOUSEHOLD MANUFACTURES—1ST DIVISION.

Whole number of entries, 65. Rag Carpeting, 20; Rugs, 25; Afghans, 16; Sofa Pillows, 3; Chair Seat, 1.

The Committee on Household Manufactures, First Division, award as follows:

Best piece Rag Carpeting, not less than twenty yards, Mrs. A. E. Harris, West Stockbridge $6
2d do., Mrs. Austin L. Lindsey, Sheffield, 5
3d do., Mrs. R. Higley, Becket, 4
4th do., Mrs. J. L. Burget, Great Barrington, 3
5th do., Mrs. C. P. Woodruff, West Stockbridge, 2
6th do., Mrs. C. B. Bennett, Great Barrington, 1
Best Hearth Rug, Mrs William L. Abbott, Sheffield, 3
2d do., Mrs. Joseph Kenyon, Otis, 2
3d do., Miss Mary J. Kenyon, Otis, (withheld) 1
Best Afghan, or Lap Robe, Mary J. Kenyon, Otis, (withheld) 3
2d do., Mrs. J. P. Rockwell, Pittsfield, 2
3d do., Mrs. H. B. Twining, Sandisfield, 1

DISCRETIONARY.

Rag Carpet, Mrs. William Abbott, Sheffield, 1
Rag Carpet, Mrs. H. Snow, Becket, 1
Rag Carpet, Mrs. Charles Meach, Great Barrington, 1
Rag Carpet, Mrs. George Holmes, Great Barrington, 1
Hearth Rug, Mrs. L. Higley, Becket, 1
Hearth Rug, Clara Norton, Otis, 1
Hearth Rug, Martha French, Sheffield, 1
Hearth Rug, Miss Josie Field, Sheffield, 1

Hearth Rug, Miss C. E. Heath, Lee, $1
Afghan, Mrs. F. K. Hinckley, Lee, 1
Afghan, Mrs. D. B. Saxton, Sheffield, 1
Afghan, Miss Kate Peck, Sheffield, 1

MISCELLANEOUS.

Silk Sofa Pillow, Miss A. L. Pixley, Great Barrington, 2
Silk Velvet Pillow, Lizzie Decker, Egremont, 1

A. S. FASSETT,
JOHN B. CHADWICK, } Committee.
Mr. SHEARS,

HOUSEHOLD MANUFACTURES—2d Division.

Whole number of entries, 71. Bed Spreads, 5; Quilts, 24; Silk Quilts, 22; Patchwork, done by a girl not over twelve years old, 4; three pounds White or Colored Woolen Yarn, 3; four pairs Woolen Hose, 5; three pairs Woolen Mittens, 8.

The Committee on Household Manufactures, 2d division, award as follows:

Best Bed Spread, Miss Mary J. Kenyon, Otis, (withheld) $4
2d do., Mrs. Grove Gaylord, New Marlboro, 3
3d do., Mrs. J. A. Munyan, Pittsfield, 2
4th do., Mrs. J. Mecum, Becket, 1
Best Quilt, Miss Lizzie Lindsey, Sheffield, 5
2d do., Mrs. H. B. Rounds, Egremont, 4
3d do., Tryphenia Wright, New Marlboro, 3
4th do., Nellie Clark, Otis, 2
5th., Vashti Fellows, Sheffield, 1
Best Silk Quilt, Mrs. L. Higley, Becket, 5
2d do., Mrs. W. L. Karner, Egremont, 4
3d do., Martha French, Sheffield, 3
4th do., Mrs. E. C. Hurlburt, Great Barrington, 2
5th do., Mrs. J. B. Hull, Stockbridge. 1
Best Patchwork, done by a girl not over twelve years old, Miss Ella Rowe, Alford, 3
2d do., Bertha W. Young, Egremont, 2
3d do., Orra Snow, Becket, 1
Best three pounds White or Colored Woolen Yarn, Mrs. O. L. Dowd, New Marlboro, 3
2d do., Mrs. Guy Day, Great Barrington, 2
3d do., Mrs. William Hall, Monterey, 1
Best four pairs Woolen Hose, Mrs. J. S. Spencer, West Stockbridge, 3
2d do., Miss Jessie M. Cooper, Stockbridge, 2
3d do., Mrs. C. Crosier, Washington, 1
Best three pairs Woolen Mittens, Mrs. L. J. Wright, Egremont, 2
2d do., Mrs. Mary Baldwin, Egremont, 1

DISCRETIONARY.

Bed Spread, Miss Whitlock, Great Barrington, $1
Quilt, Mrs. H. B. Wellington, Pittsfield, 1
Ellen Huntley, Great Barrington, 1
Miss Mabel Fritts, Sheffield, 1
M. E. Potts, Egremont, 1
Sadie Champlin, Otis, 1
Annie B. Crippen, Sheffield, 1
Silk Quilt, Miss C. H. Pattison, Great Barrington, 1
Mrs. G. Van Deusen, Great Barrington, 1
Miss H. E. Jack, Great Barrington, 1
Mrs. C. Crosier, Washington, 1
Miss A. L. Pixley, Great Barrington, 1

Silk Quilts, Mrs. C. M Brown, Great Barrington,	$1
Mrs. L. Couch. Becket,	1
Mary J. Kenyon, Otis, (withheld)	1
Mrs. L. T. Osborne, Alford,	1
Patch Work, Mrs. E. P. Hendrick, Great Barrington,	1
Miss Alice Ray, Great Barrington,	1
Mrs. Eliza Royce, New Marlboro,	1
Minnie Brown, New Marlboro,	1
Harry C. Smith, Otis,	1
Woolen Hose, Annie Putnam, Becket,	1
Mrs. William L. Abbott, Sheffield,	1
Mrs. A. P. Bassett, Lee,	1
Mrs. Orrin Curtiss, Sheffield,	1
Woolen Mittens, Mrs. Joseph Kenyon, Otis,	1
Silk Quilt, Miss Kate Decker, Egremont,	1

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. HOWK,
MRS. E. E. BARNES, } Committee.
MRS. HENRY BURGETT,

PAINTING, DRAWING, &C.

Whole number of entries, 18. (Number of pieces 40.) Oil Paintings, 3 ; Water Colors, 4 ; Crayon Drawings, 1 ; Pencil Drawings, 4 ; Miscellaneous, 6.

In performing their official duties, the ideal contrast to your Committee of the present exhibitions of our Society with its appearance forty years ago inspired curious emotions. Then, not even a place to hang a work of art ; probably not a brush or a pencil capable of producing one ; certainly not a meager premium to suggest one. The homely essentials of household life alone were considered worthy of attention ; while the tasteful, setting-off touches of decoration were regarded very much as in our day, the sunflower upon the coat front of Oscar Wilde. But the tide of years, while bringing in much whose tendency is doubtful, if not deleterious, has also turned public attention to other things, whose cultivation is to improve and refine. To the substantial comforts of former time is now added another element to render our homes attractive, and in many cases introducing to their occupants a new and remunerative industry. Decorative work, such as forty years since, could only be commanded by the wealthy citizen, now brightens the dwellings of the Berkshire farmer—aye, and is wrought by members of his own household. In these æsthetics the brush, the crayon, and the needle compete, and their products surpass those of mediæval fame.

The exhibit in the line of oil, water-color, crayon and pencil drawings this year was less notable for the number, than for the excellence of by far the greater portion of the articles presented. Several of them were very gems. Of the oils there were three entries, with several separate articles under each. Chief among these was a cluster of golden-rod, whose accuracy of coloring and detail betokened the eye of the true artist. Nor were her competitors far in the rear, as testified by a picture of rural scenery, and a large painting of Hamlet and Ophelia.

Of water-colors there were four entries, each covering several specimens on paper, placque, silk and panel—all meritorious, many

of eminent desert as respects both selection of subject and execution. Boldness, truth, freedom and beauty stood forth in design and treatment in nearly all the presented articles. A pictured thistle, of full size, designed for a screen, suggested the Scottish legend—"Nemo me impune lacessit"—in every spine. Some palettes with designs in sepia and pencil were charming. A wreath of algae and a specimen of pastile claimed attention and drew on our discretionery fund.

Only one entry was made in crayon, whose designer will doubtless be heard from again with ripened taste in art.

With such productions before them, your Committee had little need to draw on imagination for the time when the stiff and gaudy adornments of our household walls will be exchanged for the ornamentation of educated art, purchased in no metropolitan art gallery, but drawn from the brains and by the hands of our native artists. We of the present generation must step aside in preference of the taste and advice of sons and daughters of higher progress and truer cultivation for securing to the humblest home, internally and externally, the best combination of utility and beauty. Our awards are as follows:

Best specimen Oil Painting, Miss Isabella Cass, Great Barrington,	$5
2d do., Miss Grace Robinson, Sheffield,	4
3d do., Mrs. W. C. Benton, Lee,	3
Best specimen Painting in Water Colors, Miss Isabella Cass, Great Barrington,	4
2d do., Miss A. L. Pixley, Great Barrington,	3
3d do., Miss M. A. Loop, Great Barrington,	2
Best Crayon Drawing, Miss Louise Tobey, Great Barrington,	1
Best Pencil Drawing, Miss Lillie Seeley, Great Barrington,	3
2d do., Miss M. A. Loop, Great Barrington,	2
3d do., Boardman Tobey, Great Barrington,	1

DISCRETIONARY.

Water Colors, Miss A. N. Chapin, Pittsfield,	$2
Pencil, Miss Annie Lawton, Great Barrington,	1
Pastile, Mrs. I. S. Fenn, Otis,	2
Moss Work, Mrs. Zacheus Candee, Sheffield,	1
Colored Photograph, Miss A. N. Chapin, Pittsfield,	2
Oriental Painting, C. Gardner, Egremont,	1
Birch Bark Pictures, Miss Anna Baldwin, Great Barrington,	2

E. W. B. CANNING,
MRS. CHARLES E. CALLENDER, } Committee.
MRS. H. H. SMITH,

WAX, HAIR, FEATHER, CARVED AND SAWED WORK.

Whole number of entries, 30. Wax Fruit or Flowers, 1; Hair Work, 2; Feather Work, 2; Carved Work, 1; Fancy Sawed Work, 4; Miscellaneous, 20.

The Committee award as follows:

Best Hair Work, Mrs. I. S. Fenn, Otis,	$3
2d do., Mrs. M. E. Cowles, Sheffield,	2
Best Feather Work, Mrs. J. E. Hollenbeck, Egremont,	3
2d do., Miss A. L. Pixley, Great Barrington,	2
Best Fancy Sawed Work, Frank Kirby, Sheffield,	2
2d do., George Pratt, New Marlboro,	1

DISCRETIONARY.

Carved Work, Violin, George Moon, Great Barrington,	5
Bouquet of Flowers, Ella Gardner, Egremont,	1

Sawed Work, Clock, C. J. Linskey, Great Barrington, 1
Collection of Cards, Della M. Kline, Egremont, 1
Pen Wiper and Table Spread, Mrs. T. I. Ferguson, Great Barrington, 1
Stone Cross, Charles Bennett, Great Barrington, 1
Fancy Stand Cover, L. L. Couch, Becket, 1
Tidy of Silk Pieces, Mrs. L. J. Wright, Egremont, 1
Coral Work, Four articles, Lucia Peck, Sheffield, 1
Collection Bugs, Henry Little, Sheffield, 1
Shell Cross, Mrs. Zacheus Candee, Sheffield, 1
Card Case, Lottie Rogers, Great Barrington, 1

REV. C. W. MALLORY,
MRS. DAVID DRESSER, } Committee.
MISS C. A. PATTISON,

NEEDLEWORK AND WORSTED EMBROIDERY.

Whole number of entries 56. Needlework, 19; Worsted Embroidery, 37.

The Committee on Needlework and Worsted Embroidery award as follows:

Best specimen Needlework, Miss Trimper, Pittsfield, $5
2d do., Miss Vashti L. Fellows, Sheffield, 4
3d do., Mrs. E. J. Vosburgh, Sheffield, 3
4th do., Mrs. M. L. Whitlock, Great Barrington, 2
Best specimen Worsted Embroidery, Miss A. Trimper, Pittsfield, 4
2d do., Mrs. A. N. Chapin, Pittsfield, 3
3d do., Mrs. E. H. Phinney, Lee, 2
4th do., Mrs. William L. Abbott, Sheffield, 1

DISCRETIONARY.

Needlework, Miss Estelle Warner, Great Barrington, 1
Needlework, Mrs. M. C. Langdon, Monterey, 1
Needlework, Miss Cora Newman, Egremont, 1
Needlework, Miss Mary Arnold, Pittsfield, 1
Needlework, Mrs. J. E. Hollenbeck, Egremont, 1
Needlework, Mrs. A. N. Hillyer, Otis, 1
Needlework, Miss Lizzie Arnold, Great Barrington, 1
Needlework, Miss Della M. Kline, Egremont, 1
Worsted Embroidery, Miss Fannie Callender, Sheffield, 1
Worsted Embroidery, Mrs. H. B. Rounds, Egremont, 1
Worsted Embroidery, Mrs. J. S. Spencer, West Stockbridge, 1
Worsted Embroidery, Mrs. Theodore Wachter, Salisbury, Ct., 1
Worsted Embroidery, Miss Anna Barnes, West Stockbridge, 1
Worsted Embroidery, Miss Gertie Brown Sheffield, 1
Worsted Embroidery, Miss Mattie Phinney, Lee, 1
Worsted Embroidery, Miss Kittie Taft, New Marlboro, 1
Worsted Embroidery, Mrs. E. J. Vosburgh, Sheffield, 1
Worsted Embroidery, Miss Ella Warner, Sheffield, 1

S. W. WRIGHT,
M. E. TOBEY, } Committee.
MISS M. E. KELLOGG,

KENSINGTON AND SILK EMBROIDERY.

Whole number of entries, 35. Kensington Embroidery, 22; Silk Embroidery, 13.

The Committee award as follows:

Best specimen Kensington Embroidery, Fire Screen, Miss A. Trimper, Pittsfield, $5
2d do., Banner, Miss M. G. Jones, Lee, 4
3d do., Bannerette, Miss Lulu Boardman, Sheffield, 3
4th do., Kensington, Mary Arnold, Pittsfield, 2

Best specimen Silk Embroidery, Piano Spread, Mrs. A. R. Hallett, Stockbridge, 4
2d do., Fire Screen, Miss A. Trimper, Pittsfield, 3
3d do., Skirt, Miss Mary Kenyon, Otis, (withheld,) 2
4th do., Sacque, Miss Angie Rice, Great Barrington, 1

DISCRETIONARY.

Kensington Embroidery, Fruit Napkin. Mrs. J. W. Hutchinson, Great Barrington, 1
Scarf, Mrs. Alfred Ranos, Pittsfield, 1
Table Scarf, Mrs. Frank T. Owen, Sheffield, 1
Foot Rest, Mrs. C. E. Callender, Stockbridge, 1
Panel, Mrs. C. F. Brown, Egremont, 1
Silk Embroidery, Skirt, Miss Jane M. Garfield, Lee, 1
Sacque Mrs. L. Couch, Becket, 1
Lambrequin, Mrs. A. M. Hewins, Sheffield, 1
Banner, Mrs. H. Snow, Becket. 1

RICHARD H. MOORE,
MISS FANNIE GARFIELD, } Committee.
MISS JENNIE SHELDON,

CROCHET WORK, KNIT WORK AND TATTING.

Whole number of entries, 80. Crochet Work, 50; Knit Work, 27; Tatting, 3.

The Committee on Crochet Work, Knit Work and Tatting, award as follows:

Best specimen Crochet Work, Mrs. E. J. Langdon, Great Barrington, $4
2d do., Miss Julia Abbott, Sheffield, 3
3d do., Miss J. E. Langdon, Monterey, 2
4th do., Mrs. C. J. Cornell, Great Barrington, 1
Best specimen Knit Work, Mrs. D. Dresser, Lee, 4
2d do., Mrs Walter Miner, Sheffield, 3
3d do., Mrs. Joseph Kenyon, Otis, 2
4th do., L. J. Townsend, Monterey, 1
Best specimen Tatting, Miss Alice Luka. Great Barrington, 3
2d do., Miss Mary J. Kenyon, Otis, (withheld,) 2
3d do., Miss A. L. Pixley, Great Barrington, 1

DISCRETIONARY.

Crochet, Mrs. George P. Markham, Lee, 1
Mrs. W. G. Karner, Pittsfield, 1
Mrs. D. B. Saxton, Sheffield, 1
Mrs. H. B. Wellington, Pittsfield, 1
Mrs. D. L. Evans, Pittsfield, 1
Miss A. L. Pixley, Great Barrington, 1
Miss Sadie Champlain, Otis, 1
Miss M. E. Kellogg, Sheffield, 1
Miss Emma Wright, New Marlboro, 1
Knit Work, Mrs. H. B. Wellington, Pittsfield, 1

ALFRED HOADLEY,
MRS. GEORGE H. KIRBY, } Committee.
MRS. M. C. LANGDON,

LACE, BEAD AND NET WORK, MENDING AND DARNING.

Whole number of entries, 50. Hand-made Lace, 27; Bead Work, 5; Net Work, 2; Darning, 7; Mending of Clothing, 4; Miscellaneous, 5.

The Committee on Lace, Bead, and Net Work, Mending and Darning award as follows:

Best Handmade Lace, Miss Ellen Warner, Sheffield, $3
2d do., Mrs. T. J. Ferguson, Great Barrington, 2
3d do., Miss Gertrude Seeley, Great Barrington, 1

Best specimen Bead Work, Miss Julia Day, Great Barrington, $3
2d do., Mary Kenyon, Otis, (withheld) 2
3d do., Miss Lizzie Decker, Egremont, 1
Best specimen Net Work, Mrs. M. L. Whitlock, Great Barrington, 3
3d do., Miss M. French, Sheffield, 1
Best specimen Darning, Miss S. Champlin, Otis, 2
2d do., Miss Minnie Ford, Stockbridge' 1
Best specimen Mending of Clothing, Mrs. H. T. Potts, Egremont, 2
2d do., Mrs. E. Hulett, Sheffield, 1

DISCRETIONARY.

Buffett cover, Miss L. M. Joyner, Egremont, 1
Hand made Tidy, Mrs. H. B. Rounds, Egremont, 2
Lace Pillow Sham, Miss Lizzie Merrill, Pittsfield, 1
Lace Tie, Miss Annie R. Turner, New Marlboro, 1
Knit Lace, Mrs. Sarah Hubbard, Great Barrington, 1
Pillow Shams, Mrs. E. M. Freeman, New Marlboro, 1
Lace, Miss Lizzie Decker, Egremont, 2
Lace, Mrs. H. W. Wright, Great Barrington, 1
Lambrequin, Miss S. Champlin, Otis, 1
Game Bag, Mrs. C. P. Woodruff, West Stockbridge, 1
Hand Bag, Mrs. George Mellen, Great Barrington, 1

JOHN B. HULL,
MRS. E. T. BEEBE,
MRS. M. E. COWLES,
} Committee.

BUTTER.

Whole number of entries, 42.

The Committee on Butter award as follows:

Best twenty pounds, J. M. Mackie, Great Barrington, $8

The butter I offer for premium was made from Jersey milk, which was set in large pans, cooled by ice, in a Ferguson Bureau. The milk was skimmed after having stood 36 hours. The cream was kept 24 hours for ripening, and was churned in an oscillating churn at a temperature of 60 degrees. The butter was washed by putting cold water into the churn, which was moved gently until the buttermilk was rinsed out; and then salt at the rate of half an ounce to the pound of butter was worked in by hand lever with rolling pressure. After 24 hours the butter was worked a second time until free from streaks, when it was packed.

J. MILTON MACKIE, Great Barrington, September 26, 1882.

2d do., Mrs. William I. Walker, Great Barrington, 7

This butter was made from milk of half Jersey cows, the milk was set in common shallow pans, then after standing from twenty-four to thirty-six hours, was skimmed and churned in an ordinary crank churn, then washed and salted with three-quarters of an ounce of salt to one pound of butter.

MRS. WILLIAM I. WALKER.

3d do., M. V. Thomson, Monterey, 6

This butter was made from native and grade Jersey cows. Milk set in Orange County Creamery for 24 hours, then skimmed and the cream allowed to stand 12 hours, and churned in Blanchard churn, washed in spring water, salted with three-fourths of an ounce of salt to the pound. After standing three hours worked with Reid worker and packed. M. V. THOMSON, Monterey.

4th do., Miss Sarah Williams, Egremont, 5

Butter made during the month of September. Milk from Grade Jersey cows, strained in eight-quart pans, and after standing from 12 to 24 hours, skimmed and churned in a dash churn, by dog power. Number of cows, 12. Salt, about an ounce to a pound of butter. MISS SARAH WILLIAMS, South Egremont.

5th do., B. F. Baldwin, Egremont, 4

This butter made from a dairy of ten cows, Jersey grade, milk set in pans,

standing thirty-six hours; churned in Sanborn's churn, butter washed, salted three-fourths of an ounce to a pound, same as last year. B. F. BALDWIN.

6th do., A. J. Freeman, New Marlboro, 3

This Butter was made from the milk of 15 cows, milk set in deep cans in running spring water; after standing thirty-six hours the cream was taken off, and allowed to stand until slightly acid, then churned in a common churn, butter washed, worked with butter worker, and then three-fourths of an ounce of salt added to each pound. MRS. A. J. FREEMAN, Mill River.

7th do., J. L. Millard, Egremont, 2

The specimen of butter exhibited by me for premium was made from cream raised by setting milk in deep cans in running water of low temperature, skimmed in 24 hours, churned when slightly acid in a dash churn When come in grains the buttermilk is drawn off, the butter washed in cold water, then laid upon butterworker to drain, when three-fourths ounce of salt to one pound of butter is worked in. Worked again in 8 to 12 hours, and packed.

J. L. MILLARD, Egremont.

8th do., William P. Kilborn, Great Barrington, 1

This Butter is made by the deep setting process; the cream is raised in a Cooley creamer, and churned in a Davis swing churn, is washed when in the granular form, with strong brine, and salted with one ounce of salt to the pound, and worked with a Carver Butter Worker, and packed. WILLIAM P. KILBORN.

DYER STANARD,
S. B. DEWEY,
T. C. WICKWIRE, } Committee.

CHEESE.

Whole number of entries, 10. Home-Made Cheese, 9; Factory-Made Cheese, 1.

The Committee on Cheese award as follows:

Best twenty-five pounds Cheese, Mrs. O. W. Cone, Sandisfield,	$6
2d do., Mrs. Orren E. Clark, Sheffield,	5
3d do., Mrs. Warren Candee, Sheffield,	4
4th do., A. W. Merrill, Sandisfield,	3
5th do., Mrs. A. M. Clark, Sheffield,	2
6th do., Amos Smith, Tyringham,	1
Best 100 pounds Factory-Made Cheese, J. F. Lawton, Great Barrington,	5
Sage Cheese, (discretionary,) A. B. Sears, Sandisfield,	2

S. K. WILLIAMS,
CHARLES E. SLATER,
E. E. BARNES, } Committee.

WHITE BREAD AND BISCUIT.

Whole number of entries, 73. White Bread, 44; Biscuit, 29.

The Committee on White Bread and Biscuit award as follows:

Best specimen White Bread, Miss A. B. Sage, Sheffield,	$4
2d do., Miss Nellie McGinaty, Great Barrington,	3
3d do., Mrs. L. J. Wright, Egremont,	2
4th do., Mrs. L. Hulett, Sheffield,	2
5th do., Mrs. Kate Kane, Sheffield,	1
6th do., Mrs. John Larkin, Sheffield,	1
Best specimen of Biscuit, Miss Nellie McGeniety, Great Barrington,	4
2d do., Miss Ella J. Langdon, Great Barrington,	3
3d do., Mrs. L. Hulett, Sheffield,	2
4th do., Mrs. Mary Candee, Sheffield,	1

MRS. C. B. BREWER,
MRS. F. S. CRIPPEN,
MRS. W. E. CHAPIN, } Committee.

RYE, BROWN AND GRAHAM BREAD,

Whole number of entries, 50. Rye Bread, 30; Brown Bread, 9: Graham Bread, 7; Cake, 2; Oatmeal. 1; Pumpkin Pie, 1.

The Committee on Rye, Brown and Graham Bread, award as follows:

Best specimen Rye Bread, Mrs. E. S. Barnes, West Stockbridge,	$3
2d do., Mrs. F. M. Fellows, Great Barrington,	2
3d do., Mrs. J. G. Calkins, New Marlboro,	1
Best specimen Brown Bread, Mrs. H. B. Rounds, Egremont,	3
2d do., Mrs. Harvey Roys, Sheffield,	2
3d do., Mrs. Jennie Canfield, Monterey,	1
Best specimen Graham Bread, Mrs. W. W. Norton, Great Barrington,	3
2d do., Mrs. Julia Rounds, Egremont,	2
3d do., Mrs. R. F. Dresser, Stockbridge,	1

DISCRETIONARY.

One Loaf Cake, Mrs. Thomas Morris,	1
One Loaf Cake, Mrs. E. E. Callender,	1
Loaf Entire Wheat Bread, Mrs. Harvey Roys, Sheffield,	1

MRS. W. H. BALDWIN,
MRS. S. L. SHELDON, } Committee.
MRS. T. W. BARNES,

MAPLE SUGAR, SYRUP AND HONEY.

Whole number of entries, 29. Maple Sugar, 3; Maple Syrup, 17; Honey, 8; Bees Wax, 1.

The Committee award as follows:

Best 20 pounds Maple Sugar, G. H. Wheeler, Monterey,	$3
2d do., Miss Cordelia Jenks, Williamstown,	2
Best quart Maple Syrup, H. W. Sheldon, New Marlboro,	3
2d do., Mrs. H. J. Hall, Monterey,	2
3d do., G. H. Wheeler, Monterey,	1
Best 5 pounds of Honey, Amos Smith, Tyringham,	3
2d do., H. W. Canfield, Sheffield,	2
3d do., J. P. Ballard, Alford.	1
Best Bees Wax, discretionary, Mrs. D. Clark, Lee,	1

RALPH LITTLE,
H. W. LANGDON, } Committee.
M. T. WHITNEY,

FLOWERS AND HOUSE PLANTS.

Whole number of entries, 61. Display of Potted Plants, 6; Cut Flowers, 11; Floral Designs, 2; Pansies, 5; Verbenas, 3; Geraniums, 2; Roses, 0; Foliage Plants, 4; Asters, 3; Gladiolus, 0; Wild Flowers, 25.

The Committee on Flowers and House Plants award as follows:

Best display of Cut Flowers, by professional gardener, Mrs. J. M. Mackie, Great Barrington,	$3
Best display of Potted Plants, by professional gardener, Mrs. J. M. Mackie, Great Barrington,	5
2d do., James Hines, Jr., Great Barrington,	3
Best display of Cut Flowers, by non-professional gardener, Mrs. Emily Clark, Sheffield,	3
2d do., Mrs. Henry Dresser, Great Barrington,	2
Best Floral Design, Mrs. Dwight Andrews, Sheffield,	3
2d do., Mrs. E. C. Ticknor, Alford,	2
Best collection of Pansies, Mrs. J. M. Mackie, Great Barrington,	2
2d do., M. W. Strong, Egremont,	1

Best collection of Verbenas, Mrs. Henry Dresser, Great Barrington, $2
2d do., F. W. Strong, Egremont, 1
Best collection of Geraniums, Mrs. Ralph Little, Sheffield, 2
2d do., dish and vase, Mrs. S. L. Sheldon, Great Barrington, 1
Best collection of Foliage Plants, Mrs. J. M. Mackie, Great Barrington, 2
2d do., Mrs. Dwight Andrews, Sheffield, 1
Best collection of Asters, Mrs. E. C. Ticknor, Alford, 2
2d do., Jeremiah Shufelt, Alford. 1
Best collection of Wild Flowers, Lena Greattrax, Egremont, 2
2d do., Miss Ida Clark, Sheffield, 1

DISCRETIONARY.

Potted Plants, Rosemary, Joseph Frien, Great Barrington. 1
Rosemary, Anna M. Dellert, Great Barrington, 1
Cut Flowers, 32 fine Dahlias from 1 stalk, Mrs. A. C. Burtis, Great Barrington, 1
Beautiful Sweet Peas, Mrs. Henry Heath, Great Barrington, 1
Asters, Mrs. O. E. Clark, Sheffield, 1

C. C. PAINTER,
MISS JENNIE GARFIELD, } Committee.
MRS. C. C. PAINTER,

FRUITS.—First Division.

Whole number of entries, 11. Fall Apples, 8; Variety Fruit, 3.

The Committee award as follows:

Best specimen Fall Apples, (of not more than 8 nor less than 6 varieties,)
Charles Spurr, Sheffield, $4
2d do., Horace T. Candee, Sheffield, 3
3d do., Ralph Little, Sheffield, 2
4th do., E. L. Boardman, Sheffield, 1
Best variety of all kinds of Fruits (not to exceed of Summer and Fall Apples)
Zacheus Candee, Sheffield, 10
2d do., Orrin Curtis, Sheffield, 8
3d do., E. L. Boardman, Sheffield, 6

T. L. FOOTE,
R. H. NORTON, } Committee.
ORRIN BENEDICT,

FRUITS.—Second Division.

Whole number of entries, 16.

The Committee award as follows:

Best specimen Winter Apples, (of not more than 10 nor less than 8 varieties)
Hopkins T. Cande, Sheffield, $6
2d do., Zacheus Cande, Sheffield, 5
3d do., George H. Kirby, Sheffield, 4
4th do., E. L. Boardman, Sheffield, 3
5th do., J. N. Warner, Sheffield, 2
6th do., Charles Spurr, Sheffield, 1

Your Committee would recommendth at exhibits of this division be arranged together, thereby lessening the labors of the Committee in looking up the different entries. We failed to find one number called for by the list furnished us.

GEORGE PARISH,
FRANK ROYS, } Committee.
HENRY J. STEADMAN,

FRUITS.—Third Division.

Whole number of entries, 34. Peaches, 1; Pears, 9; Single variety of Pears 6; Plums, 2; Single variety of Plums, 3; Quinces, 11; Cranberries, 2.

The Committee on Fruits, third division, award as follows:

For specimen of Peaches, Mrs. L. Hulett, Sheffield, $2
Best specimen of Pears, of not less than six or more than twelve varieties, Ralph Little, Sheffield, 5
2d do., Charles Spur, Sheffield, 4
3d do., H. Z. Cande, Sheffield, 3
4th do., Theodore H. Fenn, Lee, 2
5th do., E. L. Boardman, Sheffield, 1
Best Single variety of Pears, Charles Spur, Sheffield, 3
2d do., Ralph Little, Sheffield, 2
3d do., Theodore H. Fenn, Lee, 1
Best specimen of Plums, of not less than five or more than seven varieties, Z. Cande, Sheffield, 3
2d do., J. N. Warner, Sheffield, 2
Best single variety of Plums, J. N. Warner, Sheffield, 2
2d do., Charles Spur, Sheffield, 1
Best specimen of Quinces, Mrs. Elias Clark, Sheffield, 3
2d do., L. N. Burghardt, Great Barrington, 2
3d do., J. N. Warner, Sheffield. 1
Best specimen of Cranberries, Orrin Curtis, Sheffield, 1

G. H. KIRBY,
D. ANDREWS, } Committee.
H. G. FORD,

FRUITS.—Fourth Division.

Whole number of entries, 9. Grapes raised in open air, 5; Grapes raised under glass, 4.

The Committee award as follows:

Best specimens of Grapes raised in open air, (not more than eight varieties) Orrin Curtis, Sheffield, $5
2d do., Charles Spur, Sheffield, 4
3d do., Zacheus Candee, Sheffield, 3
4th do., E. L. Boardman, Sheffield, 2
5th do., B. F. Phillips, Sheffield, (protest) 1
Best specimens of Grapes raised under glass, Jacob Raifstanger, Stockbridge, 4
2d do., Mrs. John H. Coffing, Great Barrington, 3
3d do., Harrison Garfield, Lee, 2

H. M. PEIRSON,
J. A. KLINE, } Committee.

FRUITS.—Fifth Division.

Whole number of entries, 11. Dried Fruits, 5; Canned Fruits. 2; Pickles, 4.

The Committee on Fruits, fifth division, award as follows:

Best specimen Dried Fruits, Carrie Chapin, Sheffield, $3
2d do., Mabel Fritts, Sheffield, 2
3d do., Mrs. Harvey Roys, Sheffield, 1
Best specimen of Canned Fruits, Mrs. E. D. Shears. Sheffield, 3
2d do., Mrs. John S. Spencer, West Stockbridge, 2
3d do., Mrs. Levi Huntley, Great Barrington, 1
Best specimen Pickles, Mrs. E. D. Shears, Sheffield, 3
2d do., Mrs. Hopkins T. Candee, Sheffield, 2
2d do., Mrs. Harvey Roys, Sheffield, 1

MRS. BENJAMIN WHEELER,
L. H. BOARDMAN, } Committee.
EUGENE HURLBURT.

MECHANICAL PRODUCTIONS.

Whole number of entries, 19. Pleasure Harness, 1; Farm Harness, 0; Pleasure Carriages, 1; Farm Wagons, 1; Miscellaneous, 16.

The Committee on Mechanical Productions award as follows:

Best Pleasure Harness, (protest) A. J. Hunt, Great Barrington,	$2

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Set Buggy Wheels, Hendrick Easland, Great Barrington,	$3
Ax Helves, W. A. Hall, Monterey,	1
Flails, W. A. Hall, Monterey,	1
Ax Helves, Egbert Markham, Sheffield,	1
Fhlail, Samuel Whitwell, Great Barrington,	1
Fhlail, M. C. Hall, Great Barrington,	1
Boat, F. May, Monterey,	2
Monuments, F. O. Andrus, Sheffield,	3
Buck Skins, S. A. Turner, New Marlboro,	1

JAMES SHEAD,
STEPHEN C. CURTIS, } Committee.
HORACE S. FITCH,

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

The Committee on Agricultural Implements report as follows: Whole number of entries, 17, comprising Mowing Machines, Reapers, Horse Rakes, Fanning Mills, Grain Thresher and Cleaner, Horse Power Churns, Creamers, Butter Workers, &c., all of which appeared well made and possessing the various merits claimed for them. Your Committee take pleasure in noticing particularly the Champion Single Reaper and Champion Mowers exhibited by J. A. Brewer. These machines have been in use here in Southern Berkshire for a number of years, and from personal knowledge we can recommend them as light running, durable and useful machines. The Tiger Horse Rake, shown by Mr. Brewer, is also worthy of recommendation. The Bryan Fanning Mill with "elevating attachment" (a simple arrangement for delivering the clean grain in bags instead of spilling it on the floor in the old way) is a great improvement on the old machines which have long been used and favorably known in this region.

Space will not permit us to give special notice of the different styles of Churns, Butter Workers and Creamers exhibited, all of which show various ingenious methods of arriving at the same result. The Horse Power and Grain Thresher shown by A. W. Gray & Sons, appeared to be models of their kind.

There were no entries of Plows, although a number were on exhibition, and more were busy set up at the time we were looking over the implements. Taking it all together judging from the display of Agricultural Tools, our farmers have a fine assortment to choose from and cannot fail to be benefited by a wise selection.

Notwithstanding no premiums are offered, we hope future exhibits will be equally as good.

W. H. BALDWIN,
LOOMIS M. JOYNER, } Committee.
R. L. TAFT,

DOMESTIC ANIMALS.—First Division.

Whole number of entries, 13 (26 head.) Fat Oxen, 4; Working Oxen, 8; Draft Oxen, 1.

The Committee on Animals, first division, award as follows:

Best Yoke Fat Oxen, Jared Lewis, Great Barrington,	$10
2d do., F. K. Hinckley, Lee,	8
3d do., J. H. Van Deusen, Great Barrington,	5
Best Yoke Working Oxen. J. W. Parks, Sheffield,	10
2d do., W. Cannon, Tyringham,	8
3d do., Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington,	6
4th do., William H. Hawley, Sandisfield,	5
5th do., John D. Black, Lee,	4
Best Yoke Draft Oxen, R. W. Barnum, Monterey,	8

Your committee recommend a premium on Working Oxen to Samuel Newell, of Great Barrington, of 3

CARLTON CURTIS,
EDWIN R. JOYNER. } Committee.
W. H. PALMER.

DOMESTIC ANIMALS—Second Division.

Whole number of entries, 14. (36 head.) Four-year-old Oxen, 7; three-year-old Steers, 5; Neat Stock, 2.

The Committee on Animals, second division, award as follows:

Best yoke four-year-old Oxen, (broke to labor,) Elijah N. Hubbard, Great Barrington,	$8
2d do., W. H. Hawley, Sandisfield,	7
3d do., J. B. Walker, New Marlboro,	6
4th do., George Gibson, New Marlboro,	5
Best yoke three-year-old Steers, (broke to labor,) J. B. Walker, New Marlboro,	7
2d do., Edgar Kilbourn, Great Barrington,	6
3d do., R. C. Fargo, Monterey,	5
4th J. W. Ford, Stockbridge,	4
5th do., Edwin Boardman, Sheffield,	3
Best display of Native or Grade Neat Stock, not less than six in number, grown by competitor, Jared Lewis, Great Barrington,	8
2d do., Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington,	6

W. W. GARFIELD,
JAMES A. RHOADES, } Committee.
JOHN CANNON,

DOMESTIC ANIMALS.—Third Division.

Whole number of entries, 32. (40 head.) Two-year-old Steers, 3; Yearling Steers, 5; Boys' Trained Steers, 0. Grade Yearling Heifers, 24.

The Committee on Animals, third division award as follows:

Best pair two-year-old Steers, L. S. Butler, Lenox,	$4
2d do., Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington,	3
Best pair Yearling Steers, William H. Hawley, Sandisfield,	4
2d do., Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington,	3
3d do., Horace Z. Candee, Sheffield,	2
Best Grade Yearling Heifer, Hopkins T. Cande, Sheffield,	4
2d do., Jared Lewis, Great Barrington,	3
3d do., Orrin Curtis, Sheffield,	2
4th do., C. S. Curtis, Stockbridge,	1

Your Committee would recommend an extra premium of $2 to J. H. Van Deusen of Great Barrington on Yearling Steers.

F. G. HEATH,
EZRA BEST, } Committee.
DWIGHT ANDREWS,

DOMESTIC ANIMALS.—Fourth Division.

Whole number of entries, 38. Milk Cows, 28: Fat Cows, 3; Grade or Native Butter Cows, 7.

The committee on Animals, fourth division, award as follows:

Best Milch Cow, Benjamin W. Crissey, Great Barrington,	$8
2d do., William H. Day, Great Barrington,	7
3d do., Hopkins T. Candee, Sheffield,	6
4th do., George Kellogg, Sheffield,	5
5th do., E. R. Baldwin, Egremont,	5
6th do., E. S. Curtis, Stockbridge,	4
7th do., D. C. Millard, Egremont,	4
8th do., Thompson Seeley, Great Barrington,	3
9th do., Warren Crissey, Great Barrington,	2
10th do., W. H. Palmer, Stockbridge,	1
Best Fat Cow, Jared Lewis, Great Barrington,	6
2d do., Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington,	4
Best Grade or Butter Cow, M. I. Wheeler, Great Barrington,	4
2d do., William I. Walker, Great Barrington,	3

WILLIAM M. CHAPIN,
H. W. BURGETT,
E. L. TOBEY,
} Committee.

ANIMALS.—Fifth Division.

Whole number of entries, 21. (23 head.) Heifers, having had calf, 6; Heifers, not had calf, 4; Heifer Calves, 9; pairs of Matched Calves, 2.

The Committee on Animals, fifth division, award as follows:

Best two-year-old Heifer, having had calf, John B. Chadwick, Gt. Barrington,	$5
2d do., Henry Dresser, Great Barrington,	4
3d do., T. S. Baldwin, Egremont,	3
4th do., H. M. Sykes, Sheffield,	2
5th do., Langdon Hulett, Sheffield,	1
Best two-year-old Heifer, not having had calf, Jared Lewis, Great Barrington,	4
2d do., Hattie Abbey, Great Barrington.	3
3d do., John B. Chadwick, Great Barrington,	2
4th do., J. W. Ford, Stockbridge,	1
Best Heifer Calf, Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington,	3
2d do., Warren Crissey, Great Barrington,	2
3d do., John B. Chadwick, Great Barrington,	1
Best pair Matched Calves, P. M. Shaylor, Lee,	4
2d do., Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington,	3

C. H. STEDMAN,
E. R. BALDWIN,
CHARLES MINER,
} Committee.

DOMESTIC ANIMALS.—Sixth Division.

STOCK COWS.

Whole number of entries, 14 (24 head.) Stock and Dairy Cows, 5; Stock Cows, 9.

The committee on Animals, sixth division, award as follows:

Best three Grade or Native Stock and Dairy Cows, Jared Lewis, Great Barrington,	$8
2d do., Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington,	6
3d do., William H. Day, Great Barrington,	4
Best Grade or Native Stock Cow, with one specimen of progeny by her side, Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington,	6
2d do., Warren Crissey, Great Barrington,	5

3d do., P. M. Shaylor, Lee, $4
4th do., J. W. Ford, Stockbridge, 3
5th do., T. S. Baldwin, Egremont, 2

JOHN B. CHADWICK,
DUHAMEL CLARK,
GEORGE BLODGETT, } Committee.

ANIMALS.—Seventh Division.

DURHAM STOCK.

Whole number of entries, 28 (40 head.) Bulls, 3; Cows, 6; two-year-old Heifers, 3; Yearling Heifers, 4; Bull Calves, 4; Heifer Calves, 4; Herds, 4.

The committee on Animals, seventh division, award as follows:

Best Durham Bull, William H. Hubbard, Great Barrington, $8
2d do., Patrick Bossidy, Lee, 6
3d do., Samuel Newell, Great Barrington, 4
Best Durham Cow, (with specimen of progeny by her side,) William S. Willcox, Sheffield, 6
2d do., L. S. Butler, Lenox, 5
3d do J. A. Kline, Egremont, 4
Best two-year-old Durham Heifer, J. A. Kline, 4
2d do., Samuel Newell, Great Barrington, 3
Best Yearling Durham Heifer, Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington, 3
2d do., William H. Hubbard, Great Barrington, 2
Best Durham Bull Calf, Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington, 3
2d do., Perry G. Comstock, Great Barrington, 2
Best Durham Heifer Calf, J. A. Kline, Egremont, 3
2d do., Patrick Bossidy, Lee, 2
Best specimen Durham Stock, (not less than four in number,) William S. Wilcox, Sheffield, 8
2d do., Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington, 6

H. W. SHELDON,
D. P. BRADLEY,
J. E. MANSFIELD, } Committee.

ANIMALS.—Eighth Division.

JERSEY STOCK.

Whole number of entries, 23. (29 head,) Bulls, 4; Cows, progeny 5; two-year-old Heifers, 5; Yearling Heifers, 0; Bull Calves, 2; Heifer Calves, 5; Herds, 2.

The Committee on Animals, eighth division, award as follows:

Best Jersey Bull, Wellington Clapp, Great Barrington, $8
2d do., Dr. C. E. Heath, Lee, 6
3d do., John A. Cone, Great Barrington, 4
Best Jersey Cow, with specimen of progeny by her side, Samuel Newell, Great Barrington, $6
Best two-year-old Jersey Heifer, John Winthrop, Stockbridge, 4
Best Jersey Bull Calf, P. A. Russell, Great Barrington, 3
2d do., John A. Cone, Great Barrington, 2
Best Jersey Heifer Calf, P. A. Russell, Great Barrington, 3
Best specimen Jersey Stock, not less than four in number, P. A. Russell, Great Barrington, 8
2d do., Wellington Clapp, Great Barrington, 6

D. B. DEWOLF,
A. R. HURLBUT,
A. J. SPURR, } Committee.

ANIMALS—Ninth Division.

AYRSHIRE STOCK.

Whole number of entries, 12. (15 head.) Bulls, 2; Cows, with progeny, 2; two-year-old Heifers, 1; Yearling Heifers, 3; Bull Calves, 2; Heifer Calves, 1; Herds, 1.

The Committee on Animals, ninth division, award as follows:

Best Ayrshire Bull, S. J. S. Rogers, Monterey, $8
2d do., Warren Crissey, Great Barrington, 6
Best Ayrshire Cow, with specimen of progeny by her side, Warren Crissey, Great Barrington, 6
2d do., M. W. Butler, Lenox, 5
Best two-year-old Ayrshire Heifer M. W. Butler, Lenox, 3
Best yearling Ayrshire Heifer, M. W. Butler, Lenox, 3
2d do., Warren Crissey, Great Barrington, 2
Best thoroughbred Ayrshire Bull Calf, M. W. Butler, Lenox, 3
2d do., William I. Walker, Great Barrington, 2
Best thoroughbred Ayrshire Heifer Calf, M. W. Butler, Lenox, 3
Best specimens Ayrshire Stock, not less than 4 in number, M. W. Butler, Lenox, 8

F. B. WILLCOX,
H. L. ROWE,
N. B. TURNER,
} Committee.

ANIMALS—Tenth Division.

HOLSTEIN STOCK.

Whole number of entries, 11. (14 head.) Bulls, 2; Cows, 2; Yearling Heifers, 2; Bull Calves, 2; Heifer Calves, 2; Herds, 1.

The committee on Animals, tenth division, award as follows:

Best Holstein Bull, Alonzo Bradley, Lee, $8
2d do., William M. Chapin, Sheffield, 6
Best Holstein Cow, (with specimen of progeny by her side,) N. B. Curtiss, Stockbridge, 6
2d do., William M. Chapin, Sheffield, 5
Best Yearling Holstein Heifer, William M. Chapin, Sheffield, 3
2d do., N. B. Curtiss, Stockbridge, 2
Best Holstein Bull Calf, N. B. Curtiss, Stockbridge, 3
2d do., Duane B. Dewey, Lenox, 2
Best Holstein Heifer Calf, William M. Chapin, Sheffield, 3
2d do., William H. Gibbons, Great Barrington, 2
Best specimens Holstein Stock, (not less than four in number,) William M. Chapin, Sheffield, 8

ELISHA COLLINS,
H. W. PALMER,
WM. C. KASSON,
} Committee.

ANIMALS.—Eleventh Division.

GUERNSEY STOCK.

Whole number of entries, 6. Bulls, 4; Cows, with progeny, 1; 2-year-old Heifers, 1.

The Committee on Animals, eleventh division, award as follows:

Best Guernsey Bull, James Bullard, Lee, $8
2d do., James H. Rowley, Egremont, 6
3d do., Merritt I. Wheeler, Great Barrington, 4
Best two-year-old Guernsey Heifer, Merritt I. Wheeler, Great Barrington 4

T. S. BALDWIN,
L. A. HAWLEY,
W. H. BURGETT,
} Committee.

ANIMALS.—Twelfth Division.

SWISS CATTLE.

No entries.

ANIMALS.—Thirteenth Division.

Whole number of entries, 4; Berkshire, 2; Chester, 1; Grade, 1.

The Committee on Animals, thirteenth division, award as follows:

Best Berkshire Boar, William H. Gibbons, Great Barrington, $5
Best Chester Boar, T. S. Baldwin, Egremont, 5
Best Grade Boar, Daniel Bunce, Egremont, 5

LEVI K. KLINE,
NATHAN B. CURTISS, } Committee.

ANIMALS—Fourteenth Division.

SOWS AND PIGS.

Whole number of entries, 9, (63 head.) Berkshire, 3; Chestor, 1; Grade, 4.

The Committee on Animals, fourteenth division, award as follows;

Best Berkshire Breeding Sow and Pigs, William H. Gibbons, Great Barrington, $5
2d do., George Kellogg, Sheffield, 3
Best Chester Breeding Sow and Pigs, T. S. Baldwin Egremont, 5
Best Grade Breeding Sow and Pigs, Stephen Baldwin, Egremont, 5
2d do., Abram Boice, Egremont, 3

NEWTON BREWER,
H. S. CHAPIN,
JOHN C. TAYLOR, } Committee.

ANIMALS.—Fifteenth Division.

LONG WOOL SHEEP,

Whole number of entries, 5. (11 head.) Bucks, 2; three Ewes, 1 three Yearling Ewes, 1; three Lambs, 1.

The Committee on Animals, fifteenth division, award as follows:

Best Buck, S. K. Williams, Alford, $4
2d do., O. H. Munson, Monterey, 3
For three Ewes, O. H. Munson, Monterey, 2d premium, 4
Best three Yearling Ewes, O. H. Munson, Monterey, 3
Best three Lambs, O. H. Munson, Monterey, 8

N. B. CURTIS,
GEORGE BRADFORD, } Committee.

ANIMALS.—Sixteenth Division.

SOUTH DOWN SHEEP.

Whole number of entries, 19. (47 head.) Bucks, 5; three Ewes, 7; three Yearling Ewes, 2; three Lambs, 5.

The Committee on Animals, sixteenth division, award as follows:

Best Buck, George W. Stickles, Alford, $5
2d do., Samuel Newell, Great Barrington, 4
3d do., W. S. Willcox, Sheffield, 3
Best three Ewes, J. A. Kline, Egremont, 5
2d do., G. W. Stickles, Alford, 4
3d do., Samuel Newell, Great Barrington, 3
Best three Yearling Ewes, J. A. Kline, Egremont, 3
2d do., Samuel Newell, Great Barrington, 2
3d do., R. M. Curtis, Egremont, 1

Best three Lambs, J. A. Kline, Egremont,	$3
2d do., G. W. Stickles, Alford,	2
3d do., G. R. Curtis,	1

D. P. HAMBLIN,
RODNEY SAGE,
FRANK W. CHURCH, } Committee.

ANIMALS—Seventeenth Division.

HAMPSHIRE DOWN SHEEP.

Whole number of entries, 11, (27 head.) Bucks, 3; three Ewes, 2; three Yearling Ewes, 2; three Lambs, 4.

The Committee on Animals, seventeenth division, award as follows:

Best Buck, Justin Dewey, Great Barrington,	$5
2d do., L. K. Kline, Egremont,	4
Best three Ewes, L. K. Kline, Egremont,	5
2d do., Justin Dewey, Great Barrington,	4
Best three Yearling Ewes, Justin Dewey, Great Barrington,	3
2d do., L. K. Kline, Egremont,	2
Best three Lambs, L. K. Kline, Egremont,	3
2d do., Gilfred Smith, Great Barrington,	2
3d do., Justin Dewey, Great Barrington,	1

We would recommend a vote of thanks of this Society to Mr. L. K. Kline for exhibiting a very fine Hampshire Down Buck, imported to his order by the Massachusetts Society for the improvement of Sheep Culture in Western Massachusetts.

LEVI BEEBE,
GEORGE S. DAY,
ROBERT A. POTTS, } Committee.

ANIMALS.—Eightneeth Division.

SHROPSHIRE DOWN SHEEP.

No entries.

ANIMALS.—Nineteenth Division.

GRADE AND FAT SHEEP.

Whole number of entries, 30. (90 head.) Three Grade Wool Ewes, 13; three Grade Yearling Ewes, 6; three Grade Lambs, 8; Fat Sheep, 3.

The Committee on Animals, nineteenth division, award as follows:

Best three Grade Wool Ewes, J. A. Kline, Egremont,	$5
2d do., S. K. Williams, Alford,	4
3d do., Charles Spur, Sheffield,	3
Best three Grade Yearling Ewes, S. K. Williams, Alford,	3
2d do., Theodore K. Hewins, West Stockbridge,	2
3d do., George S. Day, Great Barrington,	1
Best three Grade Lambs, Theodore K. Hewins, West Stockbridge,	3
2d do., G. F. Bradford, Egremont,	2
3d do., Charles Spur, Sheffield,	1
Best three Fat Sheep, J. A. Kline, Egremont,	4
2d do., J. H. Rowley, Egremont,	3

GROVE GAYLORD,
JAMES E. CONWAY,
JOHN D. BLAKE } Committee.

ANIMALS.—Twentieth Division.

MERINOS AND FLOCKS OF SHEEP.

Whole number of entries, 8, (105 head.) Merino Bucks, 2; three Merino Ewes, 1; Flocks of Sheep, 5.

The Committee on Animals, twentieth division, award as follows:

Best Merino Buck, William H. Day, Great Barrington, $4
2d do., James H. Rowley, Egremont, 2
Best three Merino Ewes, S. K. Williams, Alford, 4
Best Flock of Sheep, (of not less than twenty in number,) L. K. Kline, Egremont, 6
2d do., Justin Dewey, Great Barrington, 5
3d do., N. B. Turner, Great Barrington, 4

HENRY W. SMITH,
EDWIN J. TOBEY,
JEROME CURTISS,
} Committee.

ANIMALS.—Twenty-First Division.

TEAM, FARM, CARRIAGE HORSES, AND BOYS' TRAINED COLTS,

Whole number of entries, 26. (52 head.) Pairs of Farm Horses, 17; Pairs of Team Horses, 3; pairs Carriage Horses, 15¾ hands or over, 2; pairs of Carriage Horses, under 15¾ hands, 4.

The Committee on Animals, twenty-first division, award as follows:

Best pair Farm Horses, P. M. Shaylor, Lee, $8
2d do., T. S. Baldwin, Egremont, 7
3d do., Oscar M. Hall, Great Barrington. 6
4th do., Robert Kilmer, Lee, 5
5th do., John G. Cropper, Sheffield. 4
6th do., H. T. Potts, Egremont, 3
Best pair Team Horses, Eugene Miller, Egremont, 7
2d do., M. A. Bristol, Great Barrington, 6
Best pair Carriage Horses, 15¾ hands or over, Wellington Smith, Lee, 8
2d do., O. T. Benedict, Pittsfield, 5
Best pair Carriage Horses, under 15¾ hands, Parley A. Russell, Gt. Barrington, 8
2d do., Jared Lewis, Great Barrington, 5

JOHN E. MERRILL,
EDWIN R. JOYNER,
HOPKINS T. CANDE,
} Committee.

ANIMALS.—Twenty-Second Division.

BREEDING MARES AND SUCKING COLTS.

Whole number of entries, 20. Sucking Colts, 5; Breeding Mares and Sucking Colts, 15.

The Committee on Animals, twenty-second division, award as follows:

Best Sucking Colt, (from thorough-bred sire and dam) Elizur Smith, Lee, $7
2d do., John Winthrop, Stockbridge, 6
3d do., Harrison Calkins, Alford, 5
4th do., A. J. Winters, Sheffield, 4
Best Breeding Mare and Sucking Colt by her side, not thorough-bred,
Levi K. Kline, Egremont, 7
2d do., D. W. Merrifield, Sheffield, 6
3d do., Benj. W. Crissey, Great Barrington, 5
4th do., John D. Blake, Lee, 4

M. E. TOBEY,
E. S. MERRILL,
EUGENE MILLER,
} Committee.

ANIMALS.—Twenty-Third Division.

STALLIONS, YEARLINGS, AND STUD COLTS.

Whole number of entries, 16. Stallions, 5; Stud Colts, 2; Yearling Colts, 9.

The Committee on Animals, twenty-third division, award as follows:

Best Stallion, "Alcantara." Elizur Smith, Lee, $15
2d do., "Harvester." George W. Roraback, Lee, 10

Best Stud Colt, not over three years old, "Montezuma," Elizur Smith, Lee, 5
Best Yearling Colt, Elizur Smith, Lee, 5
2d do., Edgar M. Murphy, Great Barrington, 4
3d do., John Taylor, Great Barrington, 3
4th do., Louis Schneider, Sheffield, 2
5th do., Langdon Hulet, Sheffield, 1

SAMUEL CAMP,
WILLIAM A. FORBES, } Committee.
E. H. HUSTED,

ANIMALS.—Twenty-Fourth Division.

TWO-YEAR-OLD AND THREE-YEAR-OLD COLTS.

Whole number of entries, 15. Two-year-old Colts, 8; three-year-old Colts, 7.

The Committee award as follows:

Best 2-year-old Colt, mare or gelding, W. W. Norton, Great Barrington, $5
2d do., E. Hurlburt, Great Barrington, 4
3d do., James H. Rowley, Egremont, 3
4th do., John Taylor, Great Barrington, 2
5th do., A. R. Lester, Great Barrington, 1
Best 3-year-old Colt, mare or gelding, Elizur Smith, Lee, 5
2d do., James Conway, Sheffield, 4
3d do., B. W. Crissey, Great Barrington, 3
4th do., H. H. Hall, Great Barrington, 2
5th do., H. C. Joyner, Sheffield, 1

Mr. Abram Boice's 2-year-old Colt was entitled to a premium had it been entered in time.

J. W. HOLLISTER,
E. D. HUMPHREY, } Committee.
F. K. HINCKLEY,

ANIMALS.—Twenty-Fifth Division.

FOUR YEAR-OLD AND RUNNING HORSES.

Whole number of entries, 7. Four year-old Horses, 7.

The Committee award as follows:

Best Horse, 4-years-old and under, Edwin Hurlburt, Great Barrington, $7
2d do., Lester T. Osborne, Alford, 5
3d do., T. B. Reed, West Stockbridge, 3

W. H. MINOR,
F. W. HEATH, } Committee.
JOHN STALLMAN,

ANIMALS.—Twenty-Sixth Division.

PAIRS ROAD AND SINGLE HORSES.

Whole number of entries, 21. Driving or Road Horses, 3; Single Horses, 16; Ponies, 2.

The Committee on Animals, twenty-sixth division, award as follows:

Best pair of Driving or Road Horses, P. A Russell, Great Barrington, $25
2d do., O. J. Brusie, Great Barrington, 15
Best Single Horse, that has never started in a race, Elizur Smith, Lee, 7
2d do., M. D. Richardson, Great Barrington, 6
3d do., Frank Curtis, Sheffield, 5
4th do., Dr. F. P. Whittlesey, Great Barrington, 3
5th do., James Shead, West Stockbridge, 2
Pony, Master Henry Quackenboss, Great Barrington, 2
Pony, Samuel Newell, Jr., Great Barrington, 1

JOHN VERRAN,
J. A. BREWER, } Committee.
WILLIAM A. FORBES,

ANIMALS—Twenty-Seventh Division.

TROTTING HORSES AND FOOT RACES.

Whole number of entries, 23. Three minute class, not filled; 2:50 class, 3; 2:40 class, 4; open to all class, 3; Foot Race, 7; Potato Race, 6.

The Committee on Animals, 27th division, award as follows:

2:50 CLASS.

J. J. Webster, Great Barrington, ch. g. "Willie Parker," $40
Henry C. Phelps, Lee, b. g., "Frank Gilman," 30
George Northrop, North Adams, b. g., "Ashtabula," 20

SUMMARY.

"Willie Parker,"	1	2	2	1	1
"Frank Gilman,"	2	1	1	2	2
"Ashtabula,"	3	3	3	3	3

Time, 2:47¼, 2:47¼, 2:46½, 2:47, 2:48.

2:40 CLASS.

William H. Gross, Lee, g. g., "Fred Mack," $75
Henry Van Tassel, Lee, b. st., "Madison Wilkes," 50
Edwin Hurlburt, Great Barrington, blk. g., "Preston Wilkes," 30

SUMMARY.

"Fred Mack,"	1	1	1
"Preston Wilkes,"	2	2	3
"Madison Wilkes,"	3	3	2

Time, 2:41½, 2:41½, 2:43.

OPEN TO ALL CLASS.

F. S. Gross, Lee, blk. g. "Village Boy," $100
George Northrop, North Adams, blk. g., "Sir George," formerly "Gaylord," 65
Edwin Hurlburt, Great Barrington, blk. m., "Louise," 35
William H. Gross, Lee, bl. m., "Lady Sealskin,"

SUMMARY.

"Village Boy,"	1	1	1
"Sir George,"	2	2	3
"Louise,"	4	3	2
"Lady Sealskin,"	3	4	4

FOOT RACE.

Allen Daniels, Lee, $4
Patsey Welch, West Stockbridge, 3
William H. Olds, Monterey, 2
—— Samuels, (Indian) Hampton, Va., 1

Eighty rods, single dash. Time, 59½ seconds.

POTATO RACE.

Patsey Welch, West Stockbridge, $5
William H. Olds, Monterey, 4
David Massey, Sheffield, 3
J. W. Mallory, Sheffield, 2
William Walker, 1

CALEB TICKNOR,
JOHN WINTHROP,
JOHN M. BENJAMIN, } Committee.

ANIMALS.—Twenty-Eighth Division.

LADIES' DRIVING HORSES.

Whole number of entries, 5.

The Committee on Animals, twenty-eighth division, award as follows:

Best driving by Ladies, Nellie I. Olmsted, Monterey, $5
2d do., Mrs. G. W. Hall, Egremont, 4
3d do., Miss Mary E. Hulett, Sheffield, 3

MARSHALL WARNER
GEORGE A. TULLER, } Committee.
GEORGE H. WHEELER,

POULTRY.—First Division.

FOWLS AND SWEEPSTAKES.

Whole number of entries, 81. Game Bantams, 10; other Bantams, 2; Brahmas, 2; Bolton Greys, 4; Cochins, 4; Dominiques, 5; Dorkings, 1; B. B. R. Games, 7; Duckwing Games, 3; other Games, 6; Hamburgs, 1; Houdans, 4; Huguenots, 1; Leghorns, 12; Plymouth Rocks, 12; Langshans, 1; Polish, 2; Spanish, 2; Stone Fence, 1; Silver, 1; general collection, 4.

The Committee on Poultry, First Division, found for examination seventy-three coops exhibited by about one-half as many competitors, and to go through such a number and make the awards to the satisfaction of all, was not an easy, or altogether a pleasant task, owing to the crowd that was constantly around the coops. The Superintendent kindly offered to keep the platforms clear, but the committee thought it better to suffer some inconvenience than to mar the pleasure of the visitors.

Your Committee did not follow the standard in disqualifying. Had we done so, most of the fowls on exhibition would have been thrown out and very few premiums awarded, particularly in the classes where there was the most competition. Not one person in ten ever saw the standard, and to disqualify all fowls not having all the fancy points would soon ruin this department of your Fair. After finishing their duties and finding only one angry and dissatisfied exhibitor, your committee flatter themselves that they have done remarkably well, considering the short time allowed in which to do the work. We would suggest that the judging be put off until the morning of the second day. This will give the Superintendent plenty of time to get each variety together so to save the committee the trouble of hunting up the different entries of one breed. It will also give the public a chance to decide on the fairness of the awards. Another thing should be insisted upon; that is that the fowls be shown in pairs and trios. For an exhibitor to expect the Judges to pick out the best pair from a coop full of chickens brought there for sale, and award them first premium is asking a little too much. This is what the angry man appeared to want, but it did not appear to the committee to be their duty to match up fowls for anyone. We were in some doubt how to award the collection premiums as the largest may not always be the best, but decided to give it to the exhibitors who had taken the most first premiums.

The Committee on Poultry, first division, award as follows:

Largest and best exhibition of Poultry, Adelbert Dings, Alford,	$5
2d do., George Kellogg, Sheffield,	3
Black Red Game Bantams, W. H. Gibbons, Great Barrington,	2
2d do., Frank Kellogg, Sheffield,	1
Best Silver Duckwing Bantams, Edwin Boardman, Sheffield,	2
2d do., J. Q. A. Race, Great Barrington,	1
Best Red Pile Bantams, A. C. Bowen, Sheffield,	2
Best Golden Seabright, W. S. Wilcox, Sheffield,	2
Best White Bantams, Hiram Nodine, Great Barrington,	1
Best Light Brahmas, Adelbert Dings, Alford,	2
2d do., C. E. Turner, Great Barrington,	1
Best Bolton Greys, W. Rote, Sheffield,	2
2d do., George Kellogg, Sheffield,	1

Best Buff Cochins, W. W. Bradley, Stockbridge, $1
Best Black Cochins, A. Dings, Alford, 2
Best White Cochins, A. Dings, Alford, 2
Best Dominiques, Pratt Tobey, Great Barrington, 2
2d do., F. Kellogg, Sheffield, 1
Best Dorkins, A. Dings, Alford, 1
Best Black Breasted Red Game, H. Guenther, Great Barrington, 2
2d do., A. C. Bowen, Sheffield, 1
Best Black Game, A. C. Bowen, Sheffield, 2
Best Silver Duckwing Game, John Q. A. Race, Great Barrington, 2
Best Yellow Duckwing Game, John Q. A. Race, Great Barrington, 2
Best Heathwood Game, A. C. Bowen, 1
Best Derby Game, A. C. Bowen, 1
Best Tartar Game, A. C. Bowen, 2
Best Silver Hamburg, A. Dings, Alford, 2
Best Houdans, Mason Kline, Egremont, 2
2d do., H. W. Crippen, Sheffield. 1
Best Brown Leghorn, Joseph Ramsey, Egremont, 2
2d do., A. Dings, Alford, 1
Best Huguenots, E. H. Husted, Egremont, 2
Best White Leghorns, Mason Kline, Egremont, 2
2d do., E. L. Boardman, Sheffield, 1
Best Plymouth Rocks, Russell Dewey, Sheffield, 2
2d do., L. Miller, Stockbridge, 1
Best Langshan, L. Miller, Stockbridge, 2
White Crested Polish, W. H. Palmer, Stockbridge, 2
Best Silver Polish, J. P. Ballard, Alford, 2
Best Black Spanish, A. Dings, Alford, 2
2d do., J. P. Ballard, Alford, 1
Best Stone Fence Game, A. C. Bowen, 2

B. F. WHITE,
DWIGHT MERRIFIELD, } Committse.

POULTRY.—Second Division.

Whole number of entries, 41. Turkeys, 5; Geese, 9; Guineas, 2; Aylesbury Ducks, 1; Rouen Ducks, 4; Muscovy Ducks, 2; Pekin Ducks, 7; Golden Pheasants, 2; Pigeons and Doves, 6; Rabbits, 2; Parrot, 1.

The Committee on Poultry, second division, award as follows:

Best Pair of Turkeys, George Kellogg, Sheffield, $3
2d do., J. C. DeForrest, Alford, 2
3d do., Adelbert Dings, Alford, 1
Best Pair of Emden Geese, D. W. Merrifield, Sheffield, 3
Best Pair Toulouse Geese, J. E. Conway, Sheffield, 3
Best Pair Brown China Geese, A. Dings, Alford, 3
Best Pair Aylesbury Ducks, George Kellogg, Sheffield, 2
Best Pair Rouen Ducks, George Kellogg, Sheffield, 2
2d do., L. and G. Brusie, Great Barrington, 1
Best Pair Muscovy Ducks, Willie Post, Alford, 2
Best Pair Pekin Ducks, L. Miller, Stockbridge, 2
2d do., Frank Stevens, Sheffield, 1

DISCRETIONARY.

Pekin Ducks, David M. Turner, Great Barrington, $1
Rouen Ducks, Pratt Tobey, Great Barrington, 1
Brown China Geese, A. H. Alexander, New Marlboro, 1
Bright Polish Geese, Garrett Burns, Great Barrington, 1
Common Brown Geese, Leonard Post, Alford, 1
Common White Geese, Willie Post, Alford, 1
Turkeys, Duhamel Clark, Lee, 1

Golden Pheasants, Leroy Tobey, Alford, $2
2d do., Fred Korff, Great Barrington, 1
Guineas, J. P. Ballard, Alford, 1
Guineas, William Ford, Sheffield, 1
Three Rouen Ducks, E. M. Langdon, Lee, 1
Golden Polish Fowls, Leroy Tobey, Alford, 1
Golden Polish Fowls, Fred Korff, Great Barrington, 1
Pigeons, Henry Guenther, Great Barrington, 1
Russell Dewey, Sheffield, 1
Henry Scott, Sheffield, 1
Fred Dellert, Great Barrington. 1
Franklin Dellert, Great Barrington, 1
Rabbits, four wild, E. E. Noteware, Monterey, 1
Harry Scott, Sheffield, 1
Parrot, Henry Quackenboss, Great Barrington, 1

J. W. BLAKE,
J. A. RAMSEY,
MASON R. KLINE, } Committee.

ORCHARDS.

Whole number of entries, 4. Apple, 4 ; pear, 2.

Best Pear Orchard, set in Fall of 1879 or Spring of 1880, Dr. C. E. Heath, Lee, $10
2d do., Dwight Boardman, Sheffield, 8

J. N. WARNER,
GEORGE S. DAY, } Committee.

REPORT ON REPORTS.

The Committee on Reports have examined the *few* reports that claimed their attention and award :

To the Committee on Painting and Drawing, the first, premium, $8
To the Committee on Fall Crops, the second premium, 6
To the Committee on Gardens, the third premium, 4

M. I. WHEELER,
JUSTIN DEWEY, } Committee.

FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

TENTH INSTITUTE.

The tenth Farmers' Institute of the Housatonic Agricultural Society was held in the Town Hall on Friday, February 17th. The attendance was good, both in the morning and afternoon. The meeting was called to order at 11:15 a. m., by the President, Lester T. Osborne of Alford, who announced the topic for discussion, "How Should a Farm be Managed to Secure the Best Results," and said that the subject was a very important one, in view of the strong competition between western and eastern farmers, which renders it necessary for the latter to do their farming according to the best methods. He called upon Levi Beebe, of Beartown, to open the discussion.

Mr. Beebe's remarks related principally to the breeding of cattle and sheep; he said that they were spoiled by grading. Buy the breed you want and don't cross it, if you do it will take a whole generation to straighten the evil done. If you breed fancy stock you will have good cattle, but if you grade them you will spoil everything. To grade is to degrade also.

James H. Rowley of Egremont said: I have studied the subject, how to manage a farm to secure the best results, for fifty years, and I do not know that I am any nearer the solution of the matter than when I started. The principal things necessary to make farming pay better are to increase the products of the farm, and lessen the expenses of their production. But back of this is the question how to increase the productions of the farm. It depends first on surrounding circumstances. If the farmer wishes to produce milk, he must adopt one policy; if to raise grain, another policy; and if to follow mixed farming, still another policy. To manage the farm to the best advantage, would be to allow as little waste as possible. There should be clean cultivation of the land, no farmer can afford to allow any part of the farm to go to weeds. He should make his whole farm productive. The rule should be to raise all the fertilizers on the farm that the farm needs. Another important question is how to dispose of produce. We lack experimental knowledge in this connection and in other respects. For instance, what is the best manure for beets? I experimented five years before I became satisfied that the best manure for sugar beets is not the best for turnips. If I follow mixed farming, I find myself in need of information; for example: how shall manure be applied? Some say plow it in, others believe in surfaee manuring. Public sentiment is now favoring surface manuring, just as it is now favoring shallow plowing for corn instead of deep plowing, which was formerly considered best. It does not pay to keep poor stock on the farm, and the breed must be kept which is best for the particular purpose desired. I am inclined to think the Guernsey cow is the coming cow for butter. I believe that experts should serve on our committee who judge of the merits of stock. To manage the farm to obtain better results, we need co-operation. If we want to produce butter, we must have a creamery. In every branch we need co-operation.

Mr. Beebe said a few words in regard to rust on plants. He said that it was the opinion of good authorities, and his own opinion, that it was caused by chill,

and he claimed that if the wilt on pear trees and potatoes were cut off before they turned black, it would save them.

George Wheeler of Monterey thought that there is danger in sowing root crops too early. During three successive years, in raising carrots, those which were sowed two weeks later grew into fine roots, while the others were blighted.

Mr. Rowley said that he raised both carrots and onions when he lived in Columbia county. Both are likely to blight. He thought that to work among onions when the ground is wet is apt to make blight.

Mr. J. Milton Mackie of Great Barrington said that Mr. Lane, who introduced the improved beet and was very successful with it, raising, he believed, thirty tons to the acre, told him that sugar beets should be planted as early in the season as possible, for they grow layer upon layer, and the sooner they are started the more layers there will be, and the larger will be the size of the beets. In regard to the Guernsey cattle, of which Mr. Rowley had so high an opinion, he would say he had no prejudice against them; they are excellent butter cows; but there was this objection to them, that their butter was softer in summer than that made from Jersey cows. He would be glad to see Guerneseys introduced in Great Barrington, but the objection mentioned should be given due consideration.

The meeting was then adjourned, from half past twelve to half past one, to give those present an opportunity to eat their dinner.

At two o'clock the meeting was again called to order by President Osborne.

George Kellogg of Sheffield said that he thought heavy manuring would work against blight. He believed that the hay and grain raised on the farm should be used on it.

J. A. Kline of Egremont gave his experience with salt. Last year he bought a ton of salt and sowed it over eight acres of oats. There was about ten acres in the field, and it received about the same cultivation all over. There was no difference in manuring except that the salt was put on only a part of the field. Where the salt was sowed the oats were about a foot higher. It was estimated by the agricultural committee that twelve bushels more were raised to the acre where there was salt on this patch than where there was not salt. He estimated the yield higher still. The salt, which was damaged, cost eight dollars and a half a ton.

George Kellogg of Sheffield said that he had had grand results from the use of salt on rye.

Merritt I. Wheeler of Great Barrington said that the best authorities on plant food do not consider salt valuable as a nutritive agent. He thought that salt is rendered useful by its power to absorb and retain moisture, thereby giving the crop a start, rather than as food for the plant. Indeed, it is well known, that salt in great quantities destroys plant life.

President Osborne regarded brain work of great consequence in farming, and thought that it could be put forth to the best advantage by making some branch a specialty. One advantage of dairying is that it requires more brain work than most other branches. If a farmer has fifteen or twenty cows and makes an effort to have his butter and cheese first class, there is a chance for brain work. He thought that it would be well to discuss what specialty would be good in this section.

Leonard Tuttle of Sheffield said that in deciding what specialty is best, an important thing to consider is that much depends on the soil of the farm. On our hills stock raising is best, while in other localities dairying or grain raising pays better. Much depends on the management of the farm. It is useless to try to make money off a poor acre, until it is fertilized enough to raise good crops. The trouble with many farmers is that they try to cultivate too much land. Oftentimes it is better to cultivate one-fourth of the land thoroughly than to cultivate four-fourths.

Sheldon W. Wright of New Marlboro, who is largely interested in the creamery there, estimated that on the average of seasons it takes one hundred pounds of milk to make three pounds of butter or seven pounds of cheese.

On motion of Merritt I Wheeler, as amended by Alfred Peck of Great Barrington, it was voted that it was the sense of the meeting that dogs interfere seriously with the sheep industry, and that the tax on dogs should be increased to five dollars for the better protection of sheep.

ELEVENTH INSTITUTE.

The Eleventh Farmers' Institute was held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, March 7th. The meeting was called to order by President Lester T. Osborne of Alford, at 11 a. m. President Osborne then introduced William R. Sessions of Hampden, who read an excellent paper on "THE ECONOMICS OF FARMING." Important points are as follows:

No two farms are exactly alike in soil, situation, or hardly one principal characteristic. Some of us are remote from markets, our farms are composed of hillsides and hollows, with precipitous mountain pastures strewn with rocks, while brush and ferns are struggling to overmaster the grass which in our father's time gave luxuriant feed to sheep and cattle. Others are located on the deep soil of the valley close to market. Between these two extremes are the rest of us. It is manifest that no single course of action can guide all of us to success. There must of necessity be diversity of crops, and these crops will be marketed differently according to location. While the tiller of a mountain farm will depend upon sheep, young stock or butter-making for an income, he who dwells near the city will of course sell his milk, and while the first must make grass and fruit his dependence for a money crop, the latter, being blessed with a garden soil, can choose among the great variety of vegetables from which to get his income.

There are, however, some general rules which will hold good with all who till the soil. Here is one:

> He that by the plow would thrive
> Himself must either hold or drive.

We all accept this as truth. Still, I believe that many a New England farmer interprets it too literally, and by endeavoring to perform too much of the necessary labor with his own hands curtails his ability in other directions equally important. To be successful the farmer must have a clear brain. Observation and experience have taught me that excessive labor will bring clouds across the mind, alike in kind if not in degree to those which come from sloth and dissipation. A clear head and active brain cannot long be supplied by the farmer who says, "Come, boys!" and always carries the butt-end. Years since I was blessed with a friend, an old man who had been successful in life. He had from poverty and obscurity won a high place in society, amassed a fortune and was esteemed by all who knew him as a man of rare judgment. This friend once remarked that it would be a pecuniary blessing to me if I could by some accident be incapacitated for labor for at least one year. I wonderingly asked why he thought so. He said: "You work too much and too hard. Your men expect too much of you, depend upon you to set the pattern for the day's work in amount as well as in quality. You can make or save $5 with your brain while you can earn one with your muscle, and if you wish to get ahead you will have to work less with your hands that your brain may be in condition to work more to the purpose." I believe he was right. I can look back and see where my business has suffered from lack of brains. Economy and good management are cardinal virtues in farming, and perhaps economy in its broadest sense includes both the others. One of Webster's definitions of economy is, "that management which expends money to advantage." Another is, "a judicious expenditure or time, of labor and the instruments of labor."

To succeed one must have intelligence, patience and persistence, and withal a leaven of audacity. Native talent or smartness comes to the front in farming as in all other pursuits. The keenest of us all can gather ideas which will be of use—from farmers' clubs and gatherings and from the agricultural prints. We must ever be on the alert to increase our knowledge. The right idea may come from an unexpected source. We need courage to carry out the plans our judgment approves. One great trouble is that we do not do as well as we know how. There seems to be something about our calling that makes its followers conservative. Most farmers can theorize famously. They will tell you truly what outlay will pay the best,—that it will pay to drain certain lands, to remove the stones from certain fields so as to allow the use of labor-saving tools and machines, that it will pay to improve farm stock because it costs no more to keep a good animal than a poor one. Still, many of them do not attempt any of these improvements. Too

many farmers are apt to think that there is no profit unless it appears in a growing bank account. The merchant can discern a profitable year's business from his annual inventory, although he may perhaps owe more money than he did at the beginning of the year. The manufacturer can prove his prosperity without a dollar invested in government bonds the last twelve months. Both use their profits to enlarge their business or to increase their facilities for business. They think, and rightly too, that thus they are prospering, while farmers, as a rule, will not count farm improvements or even improved or increased stock as profit.

A well-laid plan, courage to begin operations, patience to wait and persistence to hold on to the consummation will surely give us success. The plan ought to be comprehensive and cover a series of years. Our business is not one that will give return of principal and interest each year. Let the endeavor be to improve the farm, increase its capacity to bear future crops, and to put it in such shape a will reduce the cost of future tillage. This to be in connection with a system of farming that will insure an income for necessary expenses, leaving the improvements in farm and stock to show our profits. We have tried to farm it on the western plan too long—I mean the plan of selling our farms by annual installment and calling the process income. The resurrection of New England farming must come from the keeping of more stock. If we were to adopt the plan of selling off the hay and grain how long could we go on? It is this method of agriculture which has caused the ruin of so many of the hill farms. The pastures have grown up to brush because the cattle and sheep have been sold off to enable the farmer to sell hay. The mowings have run out because the hay was sold and no manure made with which to keep them up, and this depletion has gone to the limit of the farms' endurance. These farms have become valueless because they could not run themselves at a profit.

My thoughts, you will observe, have run principally to hill farming, to which my experience has been chiefly confined. Having asserted that mother earth will repay us for intelligent, liberal and earnest treatment, you may perhaps expect me to prove it by my owe experience. I began on the old farm in the spring of 1860, after two years of mercantile life, which left me with a debt that took several years to wipe out. With the exception of a year in the Union army during the rebellion, I have been a farmer. I found the old farm under a mortgage of nearly half its value, the buildings were dilapidated. My father was discouraged by losses in manufacturing. The cattle upon the farm were an average stock of grades, with one thorough-bred short-horn cow in the decline of life. We have paid the mortgage, built new barns, improved farm and stock, and although we yet owe some money there is to-day due us more than we owe. We have learned something as we have gone along. For the first few years I attempted to do most of the work with my own hands. But we found that by this plan we could not be in season with our work, that very many things were not well done and that some things of special importance had to be entirely neglected. This kind of farming was quite unsatisfactory. There was no pleasure in looking back over the year's operations. Neither were we getting ahead as fast as we thought we ought, while worse than all the elasticity of youth was rapidly wearing away. So we concluded to be influenced by our judgment and employ more help. For the last ten years we have been gradually increasing the amount of help and we find the more we employ for legitimate farm labor the easier we bring the year around, both physically and financially. We should make a liberal estimate when we decide upon the amount of help to hire. There is no danger, but that work for an extra hand can be found at any time, for there are always numberless improvements waiting for the leisure spell. These jobs will pay, many of them are such that their effects will be permanent, paying us large dividends upon their cost during our life-time and afterward blessing our successors.

I would not advise a farmer to put all his eggs in one basket, yet I believe that to succeed he must have some specialty—that is, there should be a concentration of effort toward one crop for a money crop, while other crops help out or are incidental. Let me here suggest that the creamery on the Hatfield plan would be just the thing for the towns remote from market. By making a good and sure home market for all the cream that could be produced farmers would be stimulated to keep more cows, and this would be the entering wedge to a sound improve-

ment which would regenerate the farming on our hills. I believe that when a farm has been brought up to high fertility by this process it will be safe to attempt other specialties. The Smiths of Smith's Ferry are successful with potatoes, for instance ; others succeed with tobacco, cabbage, etc. ; but unless the fertilizers are purchased it would in my view be hardly safe for the average farmer to attempt these crops as specialties until after some years of raising forage crops to the full capacity of the farm and feeding them out at home.

To work a farm economically, to raise crops at the minimum cost, must be our aim if we would succeed. To do this we must adopt all the labor-saving implements which can be used to advantage in our plan of farming. Many a farmer goes without some one or more tools when he could save almost enough by one season's use to pay for them. It used to be said that it was poor farming to sell hay and that the farmer who bought grain was on the high road to ruin, but I would advise that if the farmer happens to have a surplus of hay he sell it, and if he happens to be short of corn he buy, always endeavoring to raise what he needs to consume on the farm, also striving to turn off the surplus products in such form as will least deplete the farm's fertility. Of this character are the several products of the dairy, wool, mutton, beef and pork. In short, carry on your farm business on business principles. The same ability, education, enterprise and economy which brings success to the merchant or manufacturer will just as surely bring the same to a farmer. But he need not expect his farm to make him rich if he leaves it to run itself.

M. S. Heath of Curtisville said that he never found cheap help good for anything, and would like to have Mr. Sessions' opinion on the subject.

Mr. Sessions said that he always employed the best help. He paid three to five dollars more per month than his neighbors.

On motion of Mr. Miller of Sheffield a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Sessions.

Dr. Miller thought that the habit which farmers have of always selling on credit is bad. If there is any doubt about the trustworthiness of the buyers, the farmer has as good a right to security as the bank has.

George Wheeler of Monterey said that in discussions of the economy of farming he had never heard anything said about the importance of keeping accounts. When he hears a farmer say that farming does not pay, that he does not know how much he feeds to his cattle and is ignorant about the cost of the details of farming, he knows that such a man does not keep accounts. Not one man in ten can tell how much his crops cost him. A strict method of keeping accounts will show what in farming pays and what does not pay ; and what does not pay should be given up. Perhaps a certain cow may give a great quantity of milk, and yet if she be kept for butter-making purposes, there may be hardly any cream from her milk. If a strict account of her production of butter be kept, it will soon be ascertained that she is unprofitable for butter-making purposes.

James Bullard of Lee gave some account of the creamery in that place, and answered a number of questions in regard to the profits and management of a creamery. He said that a large patronage is needed to make a creamery pay. One advantage of a creamery is that it weeds out poor cows. One patron has three or four inches of cream, and another patron, owning the same number of cows has less. This leads to an investigation to find out where the difference is. If a public creamery cannot be had, the next best thing is a private creamery. He thinks that the public creamery is less expensive, and yet knows of a number of farmers in the county who have used the private creamery with success.

At 12:30 p. m., the meeting adjourned until 1:30 p. m., to give those present an opportunity to take dinner.

At 2 o'clock the meeting was called to order by First Vice-president George Kellogg of Sheffield, who introduced E. M. Washburn of Lenox, the principal speaker of the afternoon session. Mr. Washburn read an important paper on "Silos and Ensilage," a subject on which he is well qualified to talk, having experimented to a considerable extent with this new method of preserving fodder. He sketched the history of silos and ensilage, and then offered some information. based on his own experience and that of others. The silo should so be built that the ensilage can be removed at the bottom of the wall, when it is needed for feed,

Two small silos are, Mr. Washburn thinks, better than one large one. Mr. Jones of Portland, Me., cuts his ensilage crops at any time and tramps them down in the silo. He employs two months in filling his silo. He thinks it an advantage to take a long time filling, and gives the ensilage a thorough treading every morning. Clover, millet, green rye and oats can all be successfully preserved in the form of ensilage. Mr. Washburn raised in 1880 for ensilage purposes fifteen tons of corn to the acre, and seven tons of millet to the acre. Last season he raised eighteen tons of corn to the acre and thirteen tons of millet to the acre. The whole cost of corn up to time it is put into silo, is $1.33 per ton. Mr. Washburn prefers to cut his ensilage one half an inch in length. Mr. Mills of Pompton, N. J., cuts his ensilage three inches in length. Mr. Washburn has fed his herd of forty animals for nearly five months on ensilage. The daily cost of feeding each animal is less than twelve cents a day. They have steadily gained in flesh, and their butter in color and flavor is as good as when they had pasture feed last September. In connection with ensilage only three pounds of grain to an animal are fed daily. He feeds ensilage occasionally to horses. They eat it readily and thrive on it as well as cows. None but those who have no knowledge of ensilage condemn it.

After Mr. Washburn had finished reading his paper, the subject was opened to discussion, and a number of questions were answered by Mr. Washburn. Among other things he said he did not claim that ensilage alone will do for fodder, when milk is desired. The proper feed is part hay and part ensilage.

On motion of Merritt I. Wheeler of Great Barrington, a vote of thanks was given Mr. Washburn. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 o'clock.

TWELFTH INSTITUTE.

The Twelfth Farmers' Institute was held at the Town Hall, Great Barrington, on Tuesday morning, November 14th. The attendance, though not large, was made up of men actively interested in all that affects the interest of the farming community. After calling the meeting to order the President introduced President Chadbourne of Amherst Agricultural College, who delivered a sound, practical address on "THE EDUCATION OF FARMERS." Dr. Chadbourne said: I have no doubt that I have before me the best part of the Housatonic Agricultural Society, not the largest but the best, for it is the part that is active, alive. In every society, as in our vines and trees, there is a living and a dead part. We prune away the dead, and depend on the living. I should be willing to come here to speak to one man if he be a live man, for a live man with a practical idea will plant and water that idea and make it bring forth fruit.

The first thing that impresses me as I go among our agricultural communities, is that there is more thought bestowed on the cattle and the crops than there is on the young farmers; the latter are not as well cared for as the former. Yet cattle and crops are nothing except as they are the foundations for making good men and good women. This is the idea that underlies all agricultural education and the Agricultural College; to teach the farmers to raise all possible crops, so as to make the best possible life, and make it worth the having. There is more life in one day properly lived, than in a year of vegetation. Life is measured by worthy acts and worthy thoughts.

So I did not go to Amherst from Williams to carry out a new idea, but an old one, that of making men. The ordinary colleges have a noble work to do, but they do not do it all, nor in the best manner. The Agricultural College completes the work. The ordinary college takes young men from labor; that is, from manual labor and from practical life. A rich man whom you all know, a man of scientific training, said to me that he had sent his boy to school for seventeen years, and now the boy does not know how to do anything. Is that the result we want to reach? Is it a worthy result? It is not. It shows that there needs to be an overturning. The teaching and traditions of college life tend to remove men from practical life and affiliate them with the learned professions. The boy goes through college, becomes a professor, and we get men to teach men who

know nothing about men, and nothing about practical affairs. We hear much of the success of poor boys who, like Garfield, had to work their way through college. The secret is that in so doing they had some contact with practical life. But it is not desirable that a man should have to work his way through college, for he will either lose the full benefit of the course, or he will overwork and undermind his constitution. The plan of education should be so arranged as to give him the necessary contact with practical life without breaking in upon study.

Now the United States has aimed to found a college which shall so connect education with practical life. It does not exclude languages, nor anything that can be taught, but the leading ideas are agriculture, mechanic arts, and military science. Instruction in the mechanic arts is provided for in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Boston. To Amherst has been left agriculture, general education, and military training. It may be asked why an agricultural *college?* Because there are constantly arising new difficulties and new processes. Because the greatest number of people not only now are, but in the nature of things must always be, engaged in agricultural pursuits, and these ought therefore to give the best conditions for health, for life, for happiness, and for a fair competence. We must secure to this largest number all these things.

How much will one acre of land produce? Try the experiment and you will be astonished. Instead of taking care of a cow on four acres, four cows can be kept a year on one acre. One great defect of the farmer's life is isolation. But this seeing what an acre will do tends to small farms, and small farms tend to density of population. Another defect is the fact that too many farmer's homes are not attractive to the educated child. When farmers are educated they will make their homes attractive. The business of the farmer is greatly misunderstood by professional men. When I accepted the presidency of the Agricultural College, a well-known judge asked me if I was insane. He seemed to think this whole matter of educating farmers all moonshine. But there is no business that requires more mind, and when it comes to opportunities the farmer has more leisure for education and culture than any other man. In old times there was much logging and heavy work to be done in the winter, but now work is crowded into the summer leaving much leisure in the winter months. You have not yet learned how to use it, but I believe the time is coming when farmers will be the best students, the best writers, the best speakers in the community.

The Agricultural College takes pupils from the grammar schools. Its standard of admission is not high. It is asked how can you take a scholar with no preparation and in four years educate him? The true preparation for college is character. We require six hours for manual labor every week, and we don't want any men who won't take hold and work. Give us young men with a purpose, who will work, and I'll guarantee to educate them in four years so far as they can be educated in an institution. I wouldn't raise the standard if I could. We want it to lap right on to the common schools.

When I first went to Amherst I was prejudiced against the Military feature; now I see it in an entirely new light. The idea of the United States was that these students trained at the public expense should be qualified for the public defense. Everyone when he graduates is competent to take a position in the regular army. But more important than that, he learns the first and most important duty of the true citizen, implicit obedience to rightly constituted authority. The officers are appointed from among the students. In the ranks they are perfectly obeyed, when they break ranks all associate as equals; that is the true American idea. Each student receives his gun bright as silver. When he surrenders it at the end of four years it must be bright as silver and in perfect order. Every Saturday morning the rooms and halls are inspected by officers; everything must be in its place, the room in perfect and wholesome condition. What a training all this is, in habit of orderliness and care taking.

But it is said you will educate these boys off from the farms. Yes, off from the old farms but not off from the new farms that they will make. We want a new order of farmers and we want your help. We want each Agricultural Saciety to send us at least one young man; that will make all the students we can take care of. We must stop implying that ignorance and farming must go together. If I

believed that, I should despair of the public; I would never take any further part in any educational work.

After his address Dr. Chadbourne spoke briefly on another topic, the profitableness of corn and wheat. He believes that New England farmers can raise these cheaper than they can buy them.

Rev. C. C. Painter raised the question how far the common schools prepare their pupils for the practical education Dr. Chadbourne had described. The latter replied that home associations and duties accomplish part of the work.

Mr. J. M. Mackie thought our whole school system radically defective and spoke of the German system which gives every boy and girl a practical training. Dr. Chadbourne admitted that the entire work of education in this country needs to be reorganized by means of new aims and new methods. but to Mr. Bullard's objection that some men have no natural aptitude for study, replied that any man can make a reasonable success by application and wise direction.

Mr. F. H. Giddings said that while he had himself written in favor of technical training in the public schools and believed that in time it must come, a brief experience as a member of the town school committee had convinced him that such a reform could not begin until the tax payers were willing to pay their common school teachers something more than six dollars a week.

The meeting was then dissolved.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

W. W. LANGDON, SUPERINTENDENT,

IN ACCOUNT WITH HOUSATONIC AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

DR.

To Money Received as Rent of Stalls and and Privileges on Fair Grounds.

Mrs. Karner,	$65 00	W. B. Warfield,	$5 00
Adams & Knickerbocker,	65 00	Cy Nelson,	5 00
Thomas Norton,	70 00	Fred. Cross,	3 00
Marcus Dearing,	30 00	Jacob Moore,	5 00
Andrew Corcoran,	30 00	Jacob C. Snyder,	5 00
William Foster,	15 00	Frank LaPoint,	5 00
M. T. Moore,	8 00	W. H. Snyder,	15 00
O. P. Gillette,	14 00	E. E. Barnes,	12 00
Lawrence & Burns,	12 00	Charles Wagoner,	5 00
John Anderson,	25 00	W. H. Martin,	6 00
L. B. Jenks,	30 00	J. Gannon,	10 00
George Owens,	10 00	C. B. Ford,	15 00
E. C. Howes,	30 00	Patsey Sullivan,	6 00
Charles Miller,	3 00	Wilbur Bristol,	5 00
A. P. Shaw,	3 00	T. Burns,	3 00
C. Todd,	1 50	Billy Williams,	3 00
William B. Bliss,	10 00	August Foubert,	2 00
S. Smith,	2 00	John Peters,	3 00
E. L. Barnum,	5 00	Frank Wooldridge,	2 00
W. H. Towne,	20 00	R. H. Rodabaugh,	3 00
Austin Hatch,	6 00	J. Upton,	3 00
Wilson Hayes,	4 00	J. Stravelle,	4 00
John G. Adams,	6 00	John Shelley,	4 00

Orville Brusie,	$15 00	Edward Bennett,	$2 00
Luther B. Brusie,	17 00	W. R. Chapman,	1 00
Charles Wagoner,	2 00	Mitchell Douglass,	6 00
James Coney,	7 00	E. Houghtailing,	2 00
Manuel F. Mason,	20 00	E. M. Miller.	3 00
James Dunn,	5 00	F. P. Couse,	2 00
Jacob Doll,	10 00	W. Hadley,	7 00
James Kennedy,	7 00	George W. Berry,	1 00
T. Sommers,	5 00	Frederick Son,	2 00
T. Kelley,	3 00	Edward Willis,	1 00
Cornelius Winters,	8 00	Wilber Morat,	2 50
F. E. Jones,	13 00	M. S. Moore,	1 00
Louis Lucy,	3 00	W. Haddy,	25
T. Dorsey,	2 00		
J. Kiersted,	3 00		$744 25

SAME, *CR.*

By Cash,.....$744 25

W. W. LANGDON, SUPERINTENDENT,

IN ACCOUNT WITH HOUSATONIC AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

DR.

To Cash Received as follows:

Levi Huntley, balance due on grass in 1881,	$ 10 00
Levi Huntley, house-rent from September 1. 1881, to January 1, 1882,	20 00
Levi Huntley, house-rent from January 1, 1882, to February 5, 1883,	65 88
Use of Grounds for Circus,	30 00
J. Sisson, Grass,	26 00
William P. Turner, Grass,	121 00
Noah Osborne, Grass,	74 00
Daniel Brown, Apples,	5 00
	$351 88

CR.

By Cash,.....$351 88

W. W. LANGDON, Superintendent.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JANUARY, 1883.

FRANK H. WRIGHT, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH HOUSATONIC AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY. DR.

To Cash on hand, January 1, 1882,	$1,342 83
To Cash received from Old Members, yearly dues,	1,231 00
To Cash received from Old Members, arrears,	32 00
To Cash received from New Members, Life,	10 00
To Cash received from New Members, Stock,	33 34
To Cash received from New Members, Ordinary,	198 00
To Cash received from Admissions,	1,961 25
To Cash received from Season Tickets,	153 00
To Cash received from Grand Stand,	47 45
To Cash received from W. W. Langdon, Superintendent, as per statement,	1,096 13
To Cash received of Secretary, entry fees for Trotting Horses,	165 50
To Cash received exchange and rebate on Silver,	74 50
To Cash received from State Treasurer,	600 00
To Cash received from two members on withdrawal,	2 00
	$6,947 00

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. CR.

By paid Lester T. Osborne,	$10 00
By paid George Kellogg,	10 00
By paid James Shead,	8 00
By paid H. T. Potts,	10 00
By paid F. K. Hinckley,	10 00
By paid L. P. Keyes,	2 00
By paid George H. Wheeler,	10 00
By paid M. S. Heath,	10 00
By paid Isaac Spurr,	10 00
By paid M. I. Wheeler,	6 00
	$86 00

COMMITTEES.

By paid Bela N. Clark, Committee, Summer Crops,	$67 80
By paid L. K. Kline, Committee, Summer Crops,	36 50
By paid J. B. Walker, Committee, Fall Crops,	52 00
By paid H. M. Baldwin, Committee, Fall Crops,	52 70
By paid Henry Dresser, Committee, Gardens,	25 00
By paid J. A. Kline, Stock Marshal and assistant,	7 50
By paid W. E. Ford, Poultry Marshal and assistant,	13 00
	$254 50

ORATOR AND MUSIC.

By paid Rev. Washington Gladden,	$50 00
By paid Germania Band,	75 00
By paid Stockbridge Band,	40 00
By paid Egremont Band,	40 00
	$205 00

LABOR ON GROUNDS, MATERIALS, REPAIRS, &c.

By paid L. S. Huntley, for labor,	$103 53
By paid Fred L. Bristol, for labor,	41 65
By paid A. F. Couch, for labor,	2 25
By paid Jedediah Sisson, for labor,	304 13
By paid Henry Worden, for labor,	3 00
By paid John Hickey, for labor.	6 00
By paid Norman C. Chapin, for labor.	6 00
By paid W. B. Leonard, for labor,	6 00
By paid Hiram McNiel, for labor,	25 75
By paid Frank Rouse, for labor,	1 50
By paid Martin Scriber, for labor,	50
By paid M. A. Bristol, plowing and cartage,,	2 10
By paid M. I. Wheeler, for phosphate,	18 07
By paid Mark Laird, for stone,	4 00
By paid Dennis Broderick, for bolts and rods,	8 00
By paid Joel Nodine, for well pump,	10 00
By paid J. H. Adams, for pump, &c..	15 60
By paid M. I. Wheeler, for railing, posts, &c.,	5 20
By paid A. S. Fassett, for paper for dwelling.	3 71
By paid John A. Brewer, bill of sundries,	75 55
By paid John Brewer & Sons, for Lumber, &c.,	172 86
By paid W. W. Langdon, Superintendent's salary,	75 00
By paid Edward Manville, assistant Superintendent of Grounds,	9 00
	$899 40

TREASURER'S OFFICE, TICKET SALESMEN, GATEMEN, &c.

By paid John E. Potter and assistants at north ticket office and in road,	$27 00
By paid Luke Shead, for selling tickets,	9 00
By paid Lincoln Siggins, for selling tickets,	9 00
By paid M. T. Huntington, for selling tickets,	9 00
By paid John C. Wheeler, for selling tickets,	9 00
By paid E. P. Hunt, for selling tickets,	9 00
By paid Hiram McNiel, for selling tickets,	9 00
By paid Fred L. Bristol. Grand Stand,	7 50
By paid Harvey Holmes, President's Room,	6 00
By paid Norman C. Chapin, main gate,	9 00
By paid John Hickey, main gate,	9 00
By paid Charles H. Bentley, main gate,	9 00
By paid Henry Snyder, main gate,	9 00
By paid John N. Munson, south gate,	9 00
By paid Seneca Nodine, south gate,	9 00
By paid F. S. Turner, exit gate,	7 50
By paid Charles Evans, foot gate,	7 50
By paid E. A. Kilborne, stock gate,	6 00
By paid A. T. Robbins, stock gate,	6 00
By paid H. S. Manley, road marshal,	9 00
By paid John C. Smith, road marshal,	9 00
	$193 50
By paid Treasurer's salary,	125 00
	$318 50

SECRETARY.

By paid Henry T. Robbins, salary,	$125 00
By paid Glen Burghardt, assistant,	8 00
By paid Postage,	33 75
	$166 75

ON ORDERS BY SUPERINTENDENT OF HALL.

By paid D. J. Coleman,	$6 00	By paid M. E. Cowles,	$1 50
By paid F. B. Rowe,	6 00	By paid Mrs. Kline,	1 50
By paid Lewis Prindle,	5 00	By paid Mrs. Dunn,	1 50
By paid Mrs. J. Chadwick,	1 50	By paid J. J. Hart,	1 50
By paid F. S. Crippen,	3 00	By paid Annie Gibson,	3 00
By paid J. A. Kline,	1 50	By paid H. W. Sykes,	3 00
By paid Mrs. Selkirk,	1 50	By paid Charles Nodine,	1 50
By paid Miss Frank Girling,	3 00	By paid John Gibson, Sup't.,	14 00
By paid Mary Walker,	1 50		
By paid I. R. Prindle,	2 00		$64 50
By paid George A. Wright,	6 00		

WATCHMEN, &c.

By paid Charles Vaughn,	$8 50	By paid James Hines,	5 00
By paid John Farrally,	4 50	By paid E. L. Humphrey,	6 00
By paid John Donahoe,	6 00	By paid Michael Gibbons,	7 50
By paid James Mulaney,	6 00	By paid Allen S. Mansir, chief,	10 00
By paid Thomas Gibbons,	4 50	By paid John K. Siggins, annual meeting,	1 00
By paid Myron Stillman,	6 00		
By paid Gilbert Ford,	6 00	By paid Hiram McNiel, door tender,	1 50
By paid Enos Seymour,	4 50	By paid Mrs. Brusie, ladies' closets,	3 75
By paid Martin Gibbons,	5 00		
By paid Seth L. Sheldon,	$5 00		$90 75

DRIVING, TROTTING, POTATO AND FOOT RACES.

By paid F. S. Gross, open to all class,	$100 00
By paid George Northrop, open to all class,	65 00
By paid Edwin Hurlburt, open to all class,	35 00
By paid W. H. Gross, 2:40 class,	75 00
By paid E. Hurlburt, 2:40 class,	50 00
By paid F. S. Gross, 2:40 class,	30 00
By paid George E. Russell, 2:50 class,	40 00
By paid H. C. Phelps, 2:50 class,	30 00
By paid George Northrop, 2:50 class,	20 00
By paid P. A. Russell, pairs driving or road horses,	25 00
By paid O. J. Brusie, pairs driving or road horses,	15 00
By paid Allen Daniels, foot race,	4 00
By paid Patrick Welch, foot race,	3 00
By paid William Oles, foot race,	2 00
By paid ——— Samuels, foot race,	1 00
By paid Patrick Welch, potato race,	5 00
By paid William H. Oles, potato race,	4 00
By paid Daniel Massey, potato race,	3 00
By paid J. W. Mallory, potato race,	2 00
By paid William Walker,	1 00
	$510 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

By paid for Safe,	$100 00
By paid on order Superintendent, 1880,	3 25
By paid Samuel Whitwell for gravel, 1881,	2 50
By paid E. M. Washburn, expenses attending Institute,	3 00
By paid William R. Sessions, expenses attending Institute,	7 00

By paid N. H. Osborne for Ice, 1881,	$2 00
By paid for five shares New York Central railroad stock, transferred to Permanent Fund,	668 62
By paid Transfer to Permanent Fund, Life and Stock Members Receipts, 1882,	43 34
By paid Clark W. Bryan & Co., for printing, premium lists, transactions, tickets, &c., 1881-82,	372 25
By paid E. Y. Foote, job printing,	4 00
By paid for Premium Goods,	2,224 59
By paid H. T. Robbins' bill, sundries,	9 70
By paid Telegrams, Express, and Cartage on Silver, Postage and Revenue Stamps,	15 40
By paid George A. Tuller, use of horse,	5 00
By paid George D. Cutting, use of horse,	5 00
By paid C. J. Burget, Potatoes,	80
By paid Housatonic Railroad Co., Freight bill,	4 79
By paid George Kellogg, Hack fare,	1 45
By paid President Chadbourne for expenses attending Institute,	10 00
By paid Professor Carl E. Myers,	225 00
By paid for Box and Strap,	1 50
By paid for Dinners,	70 90
By paid Mrs. E. C. Hurlburt, Mending Flag,	75
By paid N. H. Osborne, for Ice,	4 00
By paid E. D. Humphrey, Cartage,	21 00
By paid Samuel Whitwell, Gravel, &c.,	8 70
	$3,814 54
Cash on hand January 1st, 1883,	537 06
Total amount bills paid and Cash on hand, to balance,	$6,947 00

PERMANENT FUND.

Five shares Stockbridge and Pittsfield Railroad Stock, par value,	$500 00
Great Barrington Savings Bank Book, 4462, January 1st, 1882,	129 98
Five shares New York Central Railroad Stock, par value,	500 00
April 15th, 1882, Dividend, New York Central Railroad Stock,	10 00
July 1st, 1882, Dividend Stockbridge and Pittsfield Railroad Stock,	17 50
July 15th, 1882, Dividend New York Central Railroad Stock,	10 00
Stock and Life Member Receipts, 1882,	43 34
October 15th, 1882, Dividend, New York Central Stock,	10 00
Interest Savings Bank Book, 4462, to January 1st, 1883,	6 20
January 1st, Dividend Stockbridge and Pittsfield Railroad Stock,	9 00
	$1,236 02

There are three or four small bills in addition to that of Clark W. Bryan & Co., for printing transactions of 1882, outstanding against the Society, amounting in the aggregate to, say, $175. As quite extensive repairs and improvements have been made on the buildings and grounds during the past year, it seems probable that only a few dollars will be required for 1883, and I would suggest and recommend that two hundred dollars of the amount now in the treasury be added to the Permanent Fund.

FRANK H. WRIGHT, Treasurer.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

Those designated with a * are Stock or Permanent Members; those with a † Life Members.

This list comprises the names of members in good standing; also of those one or two years in arrears; those three or more years in aarears are dropped from this list.

ADAMS.

Baker, T. H.
*Farnum, D. F.
*Lincoln, S. L.
Smith, Josiah A.
Twing, J. A.

ALFORD.

Barnum, Edwin R.
Bassett, Edwin A.
Ballard, Jackson P.
Beebe, Mrs. R.
Buckbee, Charles
Billings, W. H.
Calkins, Harrison
Church, Elihu
Curtis, George R.
Curtis, Robert M.
Curtis, F. M.
Decker, John G.
Debell, Fred
DeForrest, John C.
Dikeman, Grove
Dings, Hiram
Dings, Adelbert
Edwards, J. H.
Fitch, Horace S.
Galvin, Dennis
Griffin, Charles H.
Halleck, Maggie E.
Hawver, Eli
Hawver, Frank
Hinman, W. C.
Holmes, Richard A.
Huggins, D. A.
Jacobs, Horace S.
Jones, William
Keefe, Luke
Meach, George
Milligan, T. W.
Milligan, Merrick
Milligan, J. L.
Osborne, Lester T.
Palmer, Allen J.
Palmer, W. H.
Peck, Henry
Post, Leonard
Prindle, Russell
Rivenburgh, S.
Rowe, Myron
Smith, H. W.
Smith, Ernest
Sperry, William A.
Stickles, George W.
Stoddard, A. A.
*Stoddard, Benton E.
*Stoddard, William
Stoddard, Charles F.
Stoddard, George B.
Sweet, Ambrose
Shufelt, Jeremiah
*Ticknor, Ezra C.
*Ticknor, W. A.
Ticknor, Henry
Tobey, Elisha L.
Tobey, George B.
Wagoner, Silas
Williams, Samuel K.
Woodford, John B.

AUSTERLITZ, N. Y.

Arnold, Aaron
Almsted, Walter
Anthony, Michael
Wheeler, Martin
Wheeler, Wellington

BECKET. (WEST.)

Millard, Orrin
Whaling, Roger

BRISTOL, CT.

Chapin, Albert
Chapin, W. B.

CANAAN, CT.

Adams, H. N.
Barnes, H. C.
Benedict, George
Houghtaling, T.
Huntley, Ezra B.
Joyner, Henry C.
Lawrence, W. A.
Morrison, John
Rossman, W. W.
Sardam, Frank
Sparks, T. A.
Strong, George P.

CLAVERACK, N. Y.

Townsend, George D.
Hess, Lawrence

COPAKE, N. Y.

Decker, R.
Miller, J. E.
Vosburgh, Egbert
Wright, William

EGREMONT.

*Baldwin, Benjamin F.
Baldwin, I. D. W.
*Baldwin, Theodore S.
Baldwin, Stephen
†Baldwin, E. R.
Bassett, C. H.
Bradford, George F.
Bradford, John
Bradford, Ralph H.
Branch, O. A.
Benjamin, A. A.
Benjamin, F. K.
Benjamin, George C.
Best, Ezra
Bignal, C.
Boice, Abram
Brewster, George A.
Brown, George A.
*Brown, Martin
Brown, Charles F.
Blunt, Rutson
Brusie, Lyman H.
Bunce, Dan
Bunce, James H.
Burdick, Nathan
Burget, Henry W.
Campbell, John W.
Crippen, William F.
Colby, Charles H.
Cronin, Michael
Dalzell, W. C.
Decker, Peter
Decker, George W.
Derrick, Arthur B.
Dewey, Seymour B.
Doty, J. S.
Duncan, Weeden
Dunlap, B. K.
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Competition in Farm Products has in recent years taken on new features which most profoundly disturb Agriculture in New England. But this is by no means local to New England. Agricultural competition is just now, in one way or another, disturbing all of the older countries of Christendom.

Within much less than a lifetime so many new conditions have been introduced into the methods of production and transportation of crops and live stock that the changes in agriculture have been greater in this short period than in all the long ages before, from the very dawn of history. The most of the capital of the civilized world has, heretofore, been vested in this industry, if indeed, it is not now, and the majority of those who work with their hands, have tilled the soil or reared live stock, hence anything that widely disturbs such an industry profoundly affects the nations, and "Agricultural Competition" is just now the subject of more discussion than any other one thing affecting the industries of the world. It has perhaps more political importance in the old world, but, in its economical aspects, New England is as truly affected as Old England.

New communities, settling new regions, naturally grow in accordance with this new condition of things, but old communities must adjust themselves to it, and the disturbance of old ways and old methods in this conservative industry brings with it more or less of discomfort. Individual farmers, in trying to adjust their operations

to these new conditions, in feeling their way, as it were, in new directions, often meet with discouragement and loss, and sometimes this comes so heavily that the victim is distressed, and fears that his occupation is gone; that his unfortunate locality labors under such disadvantages that it cannot compete in this modern strife; that the old farm like an old man must pass away; that it cannot stand up against the new, vigorous and more fortunate regions more recently settled.

Of late years much has been said and written about the decline of New England agriculture, and the hard lot of the New England farmer, as compared with him of the West, has been the theme of much very sympathetic and patronizing talk. Let us therefore face this question squarely, let us see where we stand, and what the danger is. If this industry is to be destroyed, let us flee from the calamity; if, on the other hand, we choose to stand by our homes and our farms, let us see what our condition really is, and what are the best lines of defense.

And first, let us consider some of the elementary principles that underlie this industry, for a better understanding of the nature of the problem we are specially considering. Competition in farm products is governed by very different conditions from those which pertain to the products of other industries and to trade. The food of civilization is produced from the soil, either by tillage or by raising live stock, the amount of food derived from fisheries and hunting is so small in amount compared with that produced from the soil, that in this connection it may be ignored. Because agriculture produces the food, it is more intimately related to all the problems of civilized society than the other industries, and because it is so absolutely essential to the very existence of life itself in civilized communities, it *must and will go on in some shape.* It cannot be killed in any considerable region, no matter how unfavorable the conditions, unless we exterminate the inhabitants. So long as there are mouths to feed, and soil that will grow a crop of food, this industry will go on in some way. Hence it is the most adaptive of all industries and can conform its operations and methods to the hardest possible conditions. It is plastic, and conforms to the pressure of circumstances. If one crop cannot be grown another can. If from any cause, one kind of crop previously grown becomes unprofitable, then this will drop out of cultivation and another take its place, and as a matter of fact, the agriculture of any region, even the most fortunate, is continually in a state of change, greater or less, adjusting itself to the varying conditions to which it is subject.

Until within a few years most of the food of the world had to be grown near the place where it was to be eaten. The raw material is bulky and to carry it any considerable distance was expensive and usually impossible. Then each region had to make its bread of such grain as it could grow; wheat bread was only for the rich, except in most favored regions, while the masses of the people knew more of rye, barley or corn bread. Then again, in the production of the great staples, much more human labor had to be expended in the production of a given amount than now. All kinds of farm implements have been improved and new ones devised. As an illustration of this I will cite the harvesting and preparing grain for market. Two years ago, when preparing for the Census office a report on cereal productions in the United States, I very carefully investigated the relative amount of labor now expended in this, as compared with that required in the early part of the century. From all the data at my command, I estimated that then each four bushels of wheat had an average of at least one day's human labor applied to it in the harvesting and preparing for market, while now, as wheat raising is conducted in California, the amount is fifty or sixty bushels per day's work, and with the combined harvester and thresher it often rises to one hundred and twenty-five and one hundred and fifty, or even more bushels per day's work.

But changes in the methods and facilities for transportation, brought about by the use of steam, have been even more powerful factors of disturbance. Before the era of steam, perhaps nineteen-twentieths of the food of civilized people was eaten within thirty miles of the place of its production. Now wheat is carried more than half way around the world. Oregon, Minnesota, India and Russia compete in the same markets, as if their fields were in the same state. Bulky crops, as potatoes and cabbages, are carried thousands of miles, and even such perishable products as fresh meat and fruit are brought together from opposite hemispheres This has changed the nature of the competition on nearly every farm in christendom, and has changed the food supply of all the great cities with which we had much to do.

Every farmer is familiar with the fact that this has changed New England Agriculture, but I think that the vast majority of the people have been misinformed as to the actual results. They see some crops diminishing in their acreage, others driven out of cultivation entirely, they see the population of the agricultural towns diminishing, they see farmer's sons leaving the old farm and either drifting

into other vocations or migrating to the more fertile West. These and other causes have widely led to a belief that New England Agriculture is in a much worse condition than it really is.

Remember that the vocation is thoroughly *adaptive*, that it can and will conform its methods and its productions to the conditions of each farm. That is, if the farmer is free to do as he will, and here is the first great advantage which the farmers of New England have. I do not mean an advantage over their immediate competitors in the West, but over the older communities of the Old World. There is no such "Agricultural distress" here as there is in Old England, not because we have less sharp competition, but because the American farmer is perfectly free to adjust his methods and his crops to any conditions imposed by competition, while the English farmer is not. I have discussed this matter elsewhere, so I need not dilate upon it here.

The decline in the population of rural districts may be misinterpreted. Remember that various causes in the present century have tended to make city and village populations grow much faster than rural populations, not only in this country but in other countries. The rural population of New England has declined because it takes fewer people to run the farms with the improved implements and machinery; there is relatively more land devoted to pastures and less to tillage; much work once done in farm houses is now done in towns, spinning and weaving once went on in nearly every country household, now it is only done in towns; once wagons and farm implements of all kinds were made in small shops scattered throughout the country, now it is done in towns where manufacturing facilities are greater, and we no longer see the road-side shop of the country wagon-maker, harness-maker and tailor. The small manufacturing establishments of the country; the little grist mill, and carding machine have given way to the larger ones in cities; roads are better and railroads vein the country, so the country store has gone, and people go to the town to trade, and with them are gone the country lawyers and other professional men, and so on through a long list of facts which explain why rural population may diminish without a corresponding decline in agriculture.

In 1879 and 1880, in connection with census work, I visited most of the more noted grain producing regions of the United States, so if I quote a few figures you will pardon me, for I have been much employed with them. I will not weary you with reading long tables of figures, but some facts I wish to give. I have made a great num-

ber of calculations, based on the census of 1870, pertaining to the relative productiveness of capital and labor expended or used in farming in the different States. The showing was by no means so bad for New England as most people might think. Since that time the figures for the census of 1880 have been published, and I have made a number of computations, for your special instruction, based on the figures for five States.

I will give you certain data of comparison between agricultural production in different States, and shall choose those western States to compare with ours which stand in the strongest contrast with us, and which will hold up our own case in its worst light, that the very worst may be known, that, speaking figuratively, we may meet our most powerful foes face to face.

As I understand it, this Agricultural Society of the valley of the Housatonic, extends its influence into two States, and I will compare these two, Massachusetts and Connecticut, with a group of three of the very best of the western States, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

Illinois stands at the very head of the Agricultural States; her broad and fertile prairies stretch from Lake Michigan to the Ohio and Mississippi rivers; her land is of the easiest tillage and greatest fertility. The State is old enough to be settled down into systematic methods of culture. She has the largest city of the West within her borders, besides many smaller ones for local markets, she is veined with railroads and has navigable waters on three sides to carry away her surplus. She leads all the States in the production of wheat, corn and oats, and in the aggregate cereal production, and is perhaps the most remarkable grain producing State in the world. She has twelve hundred millions of dollars directly invested in farming, and the total value of her farm productions for the census year was two hundred and four millions of dollars. Ohio has almost as great fame, also, with great cities and numerous towns, also veined with railroads, with navigable waters on both sides, with twelve hundred and sixty-two millions of dollars invested in farms, implements and live stock, and her farm products of that year were estimated at one hundred and fifty-seven millions; it is with such competitors that I propose to compare our two little, typical Yankee States. But in the comparison, these two little States labor under still another disadvantage. The census statistics pertaining to farms and farm productions are obtained by personal visitation of each farm, in turn, by the enumerators, and have a reasonable degree of accuracy in respect to all those crops and products which are the objects of special

enumeration, and which, as a whole, are of most importance to the country, and which are susceptible of easy estimate or enumeration. Grain and live stock are enumerated, and these are the chief crops of the three western States I have taken for comparison. But there are other productions, often of great local importance, but which are entirely omitted in this national enumeration. Some of these, as for example, poultry, form but a comparatively small item on each farm, but the aggregate value is enormous, and of great value to the country, and of relatively much greater importance in New England than in Illinois, but this would not appear at all in any calculations based on the figures of the National census. The same is true of various productions of minor importance to each farm, but which are nevertheless considerable factors in our farm production.

In the tables of the census, there is one, "occupations," by which it appears that over seventeen millions of the fifty millions of population or about thirty-six per cent, have "gainful occupation," the remainder are the children and the aged, invalids, persons attending school, and the many who have no specified occupation, yet work more or less, the dependent and criminal classes, etc. Of this 17,392,000 with specified occupations, 7,671,000 are "engaged in agriculture." There are also figures of the "value of farms, including fences and buildings," of "value of farming implements and machinery," and of "Live stock on farms." These three items make up what I call capital directly employed in agriculture. There is also a column of "estimated value of all farm productions (sold, consumed, or on hand) for 1879." We have also tables of the size of farms, acres of improved land, etc.

If we divide the "value of all farm productions" by the number of persons "engaged in agriculture," we get the relations of production to persons employed. Not strictly the relations of productions to actual labor, because in grain raising on the prairies a man's labor is supplemented by more machine work than would be represented by the same amount of farm production in New England; it would be comparing the results of, say a man and two or three horses, in Illinois or Indiana with the man and one horse in Connecticut. Moreover, steam is there used in threshing and cleaning grain, and we are comparing the man and the steam engine with the man and an ox team. With these disadvantages against us, I give the figures for the whole United States and for the five States, in alphabetical order:

Whole United States.	$314 63	Indiana,	$346 30
Connecticut,	409 08	Massachusetts,	371 46
Illionis,	467 51	Ohio,	394 41

This surely is not a bad showing. In spite of the disadvantages which I have enumerated, if the census tables are to be trusted, and I believe they are, the farmers of Massachusetts have averaged more, per person employed, than those in Indiana in value of production, and Connecticut farmers better than those of either Ohio or Indiana, and both States much better than the average for the whole country. I have not considered the amount spent on fertilizers in this item of cost, the western States would have an advantage.

If next we divide the "value of all farm productions" by the number of acres of improved land," we get average value produced per acre, and the figures are:

Whole United States.	$7 77	Indiana.	$8 24
Connecticut,	10 97	Massachusetts,	11 34
Illinois,	7 81	Ohio,	8 66

Here we see that the figures for both these New England States are far above the average for the whole country, and far above even the States used in comparison; the figures of this comparison of "barren New England" with the "fertile West," are sufficiently eloquent. We hear much of the "enterprise" and "go aheaditiveness of the Great West," contrasted with the dull plodding ways of the New England farmers, but it seems that the latter have sufficient energy and pluck left to grow from their "barren acres" an average 25 to 45 per cent more than their western competitors. It has, however, been attended with more expense for manure, and probably somewhat harder work.

Again the New England farmers are often spoken of as "poor,' in contrast with their wealthy western competitors. Let us study the figures again, to see how they run as a whole, not one rich man here and another there, but the average for the whole class. If we add together the "value of the farms," the "value of farming implements and machines," and "value of live stock," we get the capital employed in farming, and if we divide this by the number of "persons employed in Agriculture," we evidently get the average amount of capital used by each man, and the figures in even dollars, are:

Whole United States,	$1,578	Indiana,	$2,195
Connecticut,	3,070	Massachusetts,	2,529
Illinois,	2,688	Ohio,	3,496

In this list, Ohio leads, but it seems that the "poor Connecticut farmer" has more capital than his rich competitor in Illinois; the Massachusetts farmer nearly as much as him in Illinois, and more than his average Indiana brother. Extensive calculations, based on

the census of 1870, showed a similar condition of things to those which I have shown in these tables for 1880.

Capital is usually not so productive in the East as in the West. Rates of interest are much lower, and there is a steady flow of capital westward for investment. There are no figures by which the ultimate clear profits of farming can be estimated in the gross. The question is a most complicated one, and we lack data. Farmers live on their land and some live much better than others. Then too, in a new region, the land is rising in value faster than in old communities. The only figures we have in this direction is to compare the average productiveness of farming capital in crops. If, therefore, we take the total farming capital in each of these several States, and compare it with the "value of all farm productions," we find that the production to each thousand dollars of capital used in the respective States, is, in even dollars:

Whole United States,	$183	Indiana,	$158
Connecticut,	133	Massachusetts,	147
Illinois,	174	Ohio,	124

We see, as might be expected, that capital is invested in farming at a better advantage in the western States, but there are other considerations which I cannot notice, and I will not discuss why all of the States in this list are below the average for the whole country. We see from all this that in obedience to the law of adaptation, that I spoke of in the beginning, New England agriculture has already so far adapted itself to the new condition of things that it makes a very respectable showing.

I will now illustrate the same thing in another way, and one in which there is still more popular misapprehension than in the matter of the comparative productiveness of eastern and western farms. We often hear that New England once grew grain enough for its own bread, and that now it grows scarcely any at all. To be sure, it once grew its own bread; it had to or go without. But what kind of bread was it? New England was never, as a whole, a good region for wheat. "Rye and Indian" was the bread on which the early New Englander had to rely. Read over the story of Colonial days, or of the period before the opening of the Erie canal, and we will find that for two hundred years wheat bread was a luxury rather than the "daily bread" of the masses. But the actual decline in grain growing in New England is much less than is popularly believed. We have no full statistics reaching back to Colonial days, but if we take the aggregate amount of grain grown in these two States at the

various periods of the National census, since the enumeration included crops, we have the following figures, the crop years being those preceding the enumeration:

	Connecticut.	*Massachusetts.*
1839	4,114,936 bushels.	4,075,128 bushels.
1849	3,084,832 bushels.	4,241,155 bushels.
1859	3,630,076 bushels.	4,053,099 bushels.
1869	3,186,773 bushels.	2,660,466 bushels.
1879	3,449,951 bushels.	2,819,656 bushels.

These sums are the aggregate of the six cereals, wheat, corn, oats, barley, buckwheat and rye. The different grains have fluctuated greatly, the production of corn has not so greatly declined in Massachusetts, but wheat has, until at the last census less than 16,000 bushels were grown, while in 1839 the crop was about 158,000 bushels. In Connecticut as much corn is grown now as there was forty years ago, and nearly as much oats, but other grains have declined. Remember that this includes the whole period of railroad transportation, of reapers and of steam threshers, and yet the cultivation of grain lingers here, and I have no doubt but that it pays. Farms are, at each decade, becoming more numerous, and smaller, and with this the cultivation becomes intenser. It must be remembered that in no other vocation is the large and small operator so nearly on a level in competition as in farming. Just as the industry is adaptive, as to methods and products, so it is also in its suitableness for men of very unlike capacity as to business ability and working capital. In the three western States cited, farming is the leading interest and calls to it a larger proportion of the men with superior business ability. This undoubtedly tends to increase the average production there, but I think that the small farmer stands a better chance here than in the West because of the better market for the class of products he would have for sale.

I have left out of consideration entirely the gain that comes to the farmer in a new region that is being settled up, in the increase in the value of his land. This is undoubtedly an advantage, but is not a gain strictly by farming. Even a poor farmer may go to a new region, get new land very cheap, manage to scrape a living from it, and if it does no more, his farm will increase in value as the country settles up around him. In this way a man may, in a sense, succeed in the West who would fail in the East

We must bear in mind that each and every place has its disadvantages as well as its advantages. No class of men have to work harder for their income than the farmer in average seasons. It is

true that the work is varied in kind and healthful as a whole, but then, much of it is of an unpleasant character. He has often to do very unpleasant work at a very uncomfortable time, and then each and every year he sees some of this come to naught. There is no year when all crops pay. A crop may be sown and tended but drouths may pinch it, or storms and insects destroy it. Animals that have been watched and reared and cared for two, three or more years are often lost. From the nature of the property and the kind of labor and care bestowed upon it, its loss comes nearer to the personal feelings of the owner than the loss of money or goods to the man in trade, and there is no year that does not bring some of these forms of bad luck for which he feels he is not to blame, that it is not due to a lack of industry, sagacity or forethought, but which is in some way related to the locality. It is natural, therefore, that at times he should feel that if he were somewhere else, this loss would not have happened.

But each place has its advantages as well as disadvantages. The wise farmer takes advantage of those conditions whose averages are favorable.

The farmer in the States I have cited in the West has a soil of greater native fertility, it is easier tilled, he can use machinery to a better advantage, his land is rising in value, and a part of his work is perhaps not so hard. The New England farmer has better markets for a greater variety of production, cheaper clothing, tools and implements, from being near the great centres of manufacturing, and the many advantages incident to an older community, such as churches, schools, etc. The matter of markets is, however, the great one. Persons "engaged in agriculture" constitute 11.3 per cent of the total population of Ohio, 14.2 per cent. in Illinois, and 16.7 in Indiana, while in Connecticut they amount to but 7.2 per cent. and in Massachusetts only 3.6 per cent., consequently there is a sale, at some price, for everything he can and does raise. In this State somebody of the ninety-six wants everything that the remaining four can grow. The farmer of Illinois burns his straw, the one in Massachusetts sells his for a good price, and so of everything he can produce. The western farmer can grow his crop easier but it is harder to sell it, and much that he does grow he cannot sell well. The eastern man finds it more expensive to grow his crop, but he is sure he can sell what he has.

So in spite of western competition and fertile prairies and great States, New England farming will go on, and will pay; her slopes will still be green with pastures, and her cattle sleek and fat. In

this free country, if a man prefers the West he can go there, but some one will take the old place, and the business will go on—*some* one can and will live by it. In this as in other vocations, the intelligent, industrious and sagacious will thrive and make money, others will just manage to live and hold what they have, others will fail; it is so everywhere. It has always seemed to me that I have seen more farmers in poverty in the West than here, men living in less comfortable homes, not so well clothed, their animals not so sleek and well housed, their children not so well taught, and their wives living a more desolate life.

We too often forget how much of the gain in wealth by men in a new region comes from the personal sacrifices made and the discomforts submitted to. I think that I know what that means. My own childhood was spent on a new farm, and I know something of the hard experience a family must endure when engaged in the great work of subduing a wilderness and taming the wild places of nature. Since then, when engaged in explorations and surveys in the wild and newer parts of the country, I have come in contact with other phases of farming in new places, and have had much opportunity to know of the darker sides of pioneer life, and the privations of a sparsely settled region. Many a man in this State who complains of his poverty and bemoans the hardness of his lot, lives a life of luxury compared with that of many a frontier farmer whose ultimate success will blind his less wealthy brothers to the rugged path by which this success has been reached.

I do not take a desponding view of New England agriculture under any pressure of competition that now exists or may arise in the future. It will continue to flourish and instead of decaying, the next century will see our hillsides dotted with even a larger number of happy homes than now, and seed time and harvest will continue to come and their promise shall not fail.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

SUMMER CROPS.

Whole number of entries, 242. Winter Wheat, 5; Spring Wheat, 8; five acres Rye, 24; three acres Rye, 27; one acre Rye, 33; five acres Oats, 27; three acres Oats, 38; one acre Oats, 49; Barley, 8; three acres Grass, 17; five acres Grass, 6.

Your Committee respectfully submit the following report:

Best one acre of Winter Wheat, S. C. Curtis, Stockbridge,	$5
2d do., E. M. Washburn, Lenox,	4
3d do., Joseph Frien, Great Barrington,	3
Best acre Spring Wheat, Zacheus Candee, Sheffield,	6
2d do., M. S. Bidwell, Monterey,	5
3d do., William O. Curtis, Lenox,	4
4th do., Leonard Tuttle, Sheffield,	3
Best five acres of Winter Rye, Leonard Tuttle, Sheffield,	8
2d do., H. L. Rowe, Egremont,	7
3d do., A. Boice, Egremont,	6
4th do., Nicholas Race, Great Barrington,	5
5th do., J. C. Calkins, New Marlboro,	4
Best three acres Winter Rye, Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington,	8
2d do., J. W. Ford, Stockbridge,	7
3d do., A. J. Sweet, Tyringham,	6
4th do., Jerome Curtiss, New Marlboro,	5
5th do., M. S. Bidwell, Monterey,	4
Best one acre Winter Rye, William M. Chapin, Sheffield,	7
2d do., James Roraback, Sheffield,	6
3d do., Hiram Tripp, Sheffield,	5
4th do., Carlton Curtiss Stockbridge,	4
5th do., M. I. Wheeler, Great Barrington,	3
6th do., A. J. Winters, Tyringham,	2
Best five acres Oats, T. S. Baldwin, Egremont,	7
2d do., Orrin Benedict, Pittsfield,	6
3d do., W. W. Hollenbeck, Great Barrington,	5
4th do., A. W. Barnes, Stockbridge,	4
5th do., Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington,	3
6th do., David Haley, Great Barrington,	2
Best three acres Oats, H. Comstock, Great Barrington,	7
2d do., A. J. Freeman, New Marlboro,	6
3d do., S. K. Williams, Alford,	5
4th do., William H. Day, Great Barrington,	4
5th do., F. Burghardt, Great Barrington,	3
6th do., M. W. Andrus, Sheffield,	2
Best one acre Oats, F. K. Hinckley, Lee,	6
2d do., J. C. Hyde, Monterey,	5
3d do., Charles Rote, Great Barrington,	4
4th do., J. N. Warner, Sheffield,	3
5th do., Michael Hayes, New Marlboro,	2
6th do., Andrew J. Buck, Stockbridge,	1

Committee were sho[illegible] piece of Hulless Oats, grown by E. L. Boardman of Sheffield, which [illegible]e very fine, and suggest to the farmers a trial of them.

Best acre Barley, R[illegible] Willmer, Lee,	$5
2d do., James [illegible]Bullard, Lee,	4
3d do., J. Va[illegible] Deusen, Great Barrington,	2
For best three ac[illegible] Cultivated Grass, F. F. Cooper, Sheffield,	7
2d do., J. B. [illegible] Walker, New Marlboro,	6
3d do., T. S[illegible]. Baldwin, Egremont,	5
4th do., M. [illegible] I. Wheeler, Great Barrington,	4
5th do., D. [illegible] Garrihan, New Marlboro,	3
6th do., H[illegible]. M. Baldwin, West Stockbridge,	2
Best five acres [illegible] Cultivated Grass, H. L. Rowe, Egremont.	7
2d do., A[illegible] W. Merrill, Sandisfield,	5
3d do., J[illegible] Patrick Bossidy, Lee,	3

COMMITTEE.—Grove Gaylord, E. L. Heath.

GARDENS.

Whole number of entries 15. Professional Vegetables, 4; Competitor's Vegetable, 13; Professional Flower, 2; Competitor's Flower, 6.

The unprecedented number of the various classes of gardens competing for premium, evidences the fact that interest in gardening among amateurs, is increasing, and the varied benefits derived are gaining recognition. The need of a good kitchen garden is becoming more generally felt each year, and the amount of comfort and good food to be obtained from a little labor expended, is being appreciated, not only by the farmers of Southern Berkshire but by those residing in our villages.

Your committee take pleasure in reporting to you the condition of the gardens visited, scarcely one being entered but reflected credit upon the competitor and deserved commendation They made the first trip of viewing the last of June, and found the gardens well advanced in spite of the late spring. They were then in their beauty and were very attractive. The beds and hills were generally very neat and free from weeds; the bright green of the growing plants formed a beautiful contrast with the rich dark earth and presented a charming picture.

The second inspection of the gardens was made during the last week of August, after a protracted drouth, though most were not seriously injured thereby. The gardens were then in the excellence of fruitage, the beautiful had yielded to the useful, and most of the gardens manifested a continuance of care and interest on the part of their proprietors. The vegetable gardens contained large varieties, but the ideas of the planters seemed to be not so much the *number* as the *excellence* of the varieties cultivated and a desire to find these by actual experiment, watching development with close, intelligent attention, thus showing an advancement of ideas greatly to be desired in this as in every other branch of industry.

The most successful gardens were on soil which was rich and kept mellow by constant cultivation.

Utilization of land was another commendable point. Nothing was left waste; the plants were not crowded, thus preventing growth, but no vacant places were left. The ground which yielded

early vegetables was put in good condition and second crops were nearly ready for use. It is really surprising how large an amount of vegetables can be obtained from a small of area of land, properly cultivated.

Each flower garden contained a good variety of seedlings and house-plants, many of the latter being choice. This might very properly be termed "Geranium Year," as these plants afforded a perfect blaze of brilliant hues and a profusion of blossoms. We would urge an increase in flower gardens, because of acknowledged sanitary effects as well as for æsthetic purposes. That "a thing of beauty is a joy forever," is proven in the cultivation of flowers. Also is evinced a certain refinement and elevated nature in the cultivator. A love of the beautiful leads on and on to higher aspirations and attainments. Wondrous truths are written in the bright flowerets, which revealed to us yield softening influences and mould our thoughts, our lives to nobler forms and purposes.

"In all places, then, and in all seasons,
Flowers expand their light and soul-like wings,
Teaching us, by most persuasive reasons,
How akin they are to human things."

"And with child-like credulous affection,
We behold the tender bud expand;
Emblems of our own great resurrection,
Emblems of the bright and better land."

After careful consideration and comparison we make the following awards:

For best Vegetable Garden by professional or hired gardener, M. L. Whitlock, Great Barrington, $5
2nd do., Master Harry Quackenboss, Great Barrington, 4
3d do., J. M. Mackie, Great Barrington, 3
For best Vegetable Garden by competitor, not professional, F. O. Andrus, Sheffield, 5
2d do., E. Manville, Great Barrington, 4
3d do., Elisha Collins, Great Barrington, 3
4th do., Mrs. D. S. Busby, Monterey, 2
5th do., H. T. Candee, Sheffield. 1

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Ralph Little, Sheffield, 1
T. G. Ramsdell, Housatonic, 1
For best Flower Garden by professional or hired gardener, M. W. Strong, Egremont, 4
2d do., H. T. Robbins, Great Barrington, 2
For best Flower Garden cared for entirely by competitor, not professional, Mrs. Isaac H. Rice, Great Barrington, 5
2d do., Mrs. F. G. Prindle, Alford, 4
3d do., Master Harry Quackenboss, Great Barrington, 3
4th do., Mrs. H. Tripp, Sheffield, 2
5th do., Mrs. G. W. Lester, Great Barrington, 1

DISCRETIONARY.

Mrs. Fred Dellert, Great Barrington, 1

COMMITTEE.—W. W. Norton, Mrs. Mary E. Cowles, Miss Cora A. Potts.

FALL CROPS.

Whole number of entries, 276. Classed as follows: Five acres Corn, 12; three acres Corn, 32; one acre Corn, 44; sowed Corn, 22; planted Sweet Corn, 8; Buckwheat, 29; Potatoes, 53; Beans, 8; Sugar Beets, 10; Mangel Wurzels, 8; Carrots, 8; Turnips, 7; Cabbage, 9; Onions, 8; Farms, 40 acres, 5; 100 acres, 13.

The entries of fall crops this year amount to 100 more than they were last year. The season up to the first part of August was unusually favorable for crops, and there was every prospect that the fall crops would be prolific; hence the great amount of entries. But when the crops were half grown, dry, cold weather set in to the great detriment of corn and root crops. Then the early frosts so damaged corn that several farmers withdrew their entries.

In examining so many entries as were made this year, a committee must necessarily find that in several ways of raising crops, some of the ways are preferable to others. In briefly mentioning the results of our observations in this respect, our conclusions apply only to well cultivated crops growing upon well fertilized land. It is of no use for a farmer to let a crop grow in neglect, or on poor soil, for it is then a loss to him. Farmers are coming more and more to believe in this, but there are still many of them who do not put it in practice.

In examining most of the 84 entries of corn, there can be no doubt that the most productive pieces had from 30 to 32 hills in a square rod, and three plants in a hill, the advantage being a little in favor of 32 hills. One piece that had but 23 hills in a rod had good weight, and takes a premium; it would probably have taken first premium if it had had 32 hills. But it is certainly better to have the hills several too few than several too many. In pieces of corn having about 40 hills in a rod the growth was too dense for the development of large well glazed ears. The best means between these extremes we find to be about 32 hills. Relative to hoeing we do not hesitate a moment to say that the best corn crops were hoed twice with moderate hilling. Where the horse-hoe was used no crop was of high production, for that implement cannot go sufficiently near to the tender plants without injuring them and retarding their growth, and if it does not go near to them the plants do not get the cultivation they need. Without doubt it pays to hoe the corn crop twice and well, making the hills of moderate size only. The most productive corn this year was the 12 rowed.

There was an excellent yield of a good quality of potatoes this year. The most productive fields were planted in drills about 14 inches apart in rows three feet apart.

With a small amount of seed this method of planting excelled any other. It made the work of hoeing a little more, but the gain in the yield much more than compensated for it. An almost common fault is the planting of too much seed; hardly anything will make so much difference with this crop as a variation of the amount of seed used. The best results were obtained this year from two eyes in a place in drills and rows as stated above. After examining quite a number of the crops we could even tell from the size and yield of the pota-

toes how much seed was planted before being informed by the owner. The indications of too much seed were an increase in the number of potatoes and a marked decrease in the size, so that the marketable potatoes became less as the seed exceeded two eyes in one place or hill. For the average of land it was found advisable to plant the seed pretty near the surface of the ground, and to hill enough to keep the tubers from growing out of the hill and becoming sunburnt.

Almost every premium that we give on potatoes is given on drill planted potatoes, for they gave the best weight and quality. The time when we were sent out to examine farms was when they made their poorest appearance. The grass had been cut and the rowen, corn, and other fall crops suffered under the dry cold weather, while the bountiful summer crops had all been harvested. Two examinations of farms should be required,—one in July and the other when fall crops are examined, then the full productiveness of the farms and their management can be ascertained more accurately and with more justice to the owners. We would recommend that the premiums on farms of both classes be increased from three to five premiums in the 40 acre class, and from three to six in the 100 acre class.

There are many fine farms deserving premiums in the county, but as it now stands only six of them can take premiums. There is a great rivalry among farmers in this matter and it would be much more stimulating to agriculture to give fully as many as eleven premiums.

Several farms that we examined ought to have premiums, but there were not at our disposal enough premiums for this.

Sugar Beets, Carrots, Onions, Turnips and Mangel Wurzels, showed the effects of the dry weather that came late in the summer. The best crops were on moist land. Turnips did better in upland than any of the other roots. Our award of premiums is as follows:

Best five acres Corn, George S. Day, Great Barrington,	$8
2d do., James Roraback, Sheffield,	7
3d do., John D. Blake, Lee,	6
4th do., T. S. Baldwin, Egrement,	5
5th do., F. W. Bechtel Jr., Stockbridge,	4
6th do.. H. H. Hall, Great Barrington,	3
7th do., H. A. Tobey, Great Barrington,	2
Best three acres Corn, Frederick Abbey. Great Barrington,	8
2d do., John D. Noxon, Great Barrington,	7
3d do., Z. Candee, Sheffield,	6
4th do., George H. Wheeler, Monterey,	5
5th do., J L. Millard, Egremont.	4
6th do., N. J. Smith, Stockbridge,	3
7th do., Jared Lewis, Great Barrington,	2
Best one acre Corn, Jared Lewis, Great Barrington,	7
2d do.. H. Z. Candee, Sheffield,	6
3d do., H. H. Garfield, Lee,	5
4th do., F. N. Kellogg, Sheffield,	4
5th do., William I. Walker, Great Barrington,	3
6th do., H. H. Garfield, Lee,	2
7th do., H. L. Smith, Lee,	1

Best one-half acre Sowed Corn, H. Pendleton, Lee, $5
2d do., Warren Crissey, Great Barrington, 4
3d do., T. S. Baldwin, Egremont, 3
4th do., N. B. Curtis, Stockbridge, 3
5th do., Jared Bradley, Lee, 2
Best one-half acre planted Sweet Corn, W. W. Hollenbeck, Great Barrington, 4
2d do., H. C. Byington, Stockbridge, 3
3d do., Elihu Church, Alford, 2
Best one acre Buckwheat, Duhamel Clark, Lee, 5
2d do., Harvey North, Sheffield, 4
3d do., John E. Rogers, Great Barrington, 3
4th do., George H. Wheeler, Monterey, 2
5th do., Joseph E. Turner, Great Barrington, 1
Best acre Potatoes, R. H. Race, Egremont, 7
2d do., N. B. Turner, Great Barrington, 6
3d do., Wellington Clapp, Great Barrington, 5
4th do., Hopkins T. Candee, Sheffield, 4
5th do., W. H. Gibbons, Great Barrington. 3
6th do., Orrin Benedict, Pittsfield, 2
Best one-quarter acre Beans, Mark Laird, Great Barrington, 3
2d do., Stephen Baldwin, Egremont, 2
3d do., R. H. Race, Egremont, 1
Best one-quarter acre Beets, J. A. Kline, Egremont. 5
2d do., John A. Cone, Great Barrington, 4
3d do., Jared Bradley, Lee, 3
Best one-quarter acre Onions, Levi Boardman, Sheffield, 4
2d do., L. H. Boardman, Sheffield, 3
3d do., W. C. French, West Stockbridge, 2
4th do., William J. Warner, Great Barrington, 1
Best one-quarter acre Mangel Wurzels, F. N. Kellogg, Sheffield, 4
2d do., A. Bradley, Lee, 3
3d do., Luther Ball, Lee, 2
4th do., W. S. Karner, Pittsfield, 1
Best one-qua ter acre Carrots, Oscar F. Hall, Great Barrington, 5
2d do., David M. Turner, Lee, 4
3d do., Levi M. Stanard, New Marlboro, 3
4th do., W. S. Karner, Pittsfield, 2
5th do., H. W. Sheldon, New Marlboro, 1
Best one-quarter acre turnips, W. O. Curtis, Lenox, 4
2d do., William A. Hall, Monterey, 3
3d do., W. S. Bentley, New Marlboro, 2
Best one-quarter acre Cabbage, A. Bradley, Lee, 4
2d do., Luther Ball, Lee, 3
3d do., E. L. Heath, Stockbridge, 2
Best forty acre Farm, Luther Ball, Lee, 10
2d do., W. C. French, West Stockbridge, 7
3d do., W. G. Karner, Pittsfield, 4
Best 100-acre Farm, Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington, 12
2d do., F. K. Hinckley, Lee, 8
3d do., William A. Forbes, Sheffield, 4

COMMITTEE.—P. M. Shaylor, George H. Kirby.

SEEDS.

Whole number of entries, 128. Timothy seed, 2 ; seed corn, 21 ; seed sweet corn, 5 ; seed pop corn, 7 ; seed oats, 17 ; seed rye, 14 ; white beans, 10 ; seed barley, 2 ; seed buckwheat, 10 ; winter wheat, 3 ; spring wheat, 2 ; seed potatoes, 35.

The committee on Seeds award as follows :

Best bushel Timothy Seed, Martin Brown, Egremont, $3
2d do., T. S. Baldwin, Egremont, 2

Best thirty pounds traced ears Seed Corn, H. Dings, Alford,	$3
2d do., R. H. Race, Egremont,	2
3d do., D. B. Fenn, Stockbridge,	1
Best thirty pounds traced ears Seed Corn, F. Dellert, Great Barrington,	2
2d do., D. B. Fenn, Stockbridge,	1
Best thirty pound straced Seed Pop Corn, J. G. Cropper, Sheffield,	2
2d do., H. Ploss. Egremont,	1
Best bushel Seed Oats, J. E. Hollenbeck, Egremont.	3
2d do., R. M. Curtiss, Alford,	2
3d do., M. Hayes, New Marlboro,	1
Best bushel Seed Rye, J. W. Candee, Sheffield,	3
2d do., Lewis Schneider, Sheffield,	2
3d do , H. Z. Candee, Sheffield,	1
Best bushel White Beans, L. Post, Alford,	3
2d do., S. Baldwin. Egremont,	2
3d do., Seth Lee, Sheffield,	1
Best bushel Seed Barley, F. A. Burget, Great Barrington,	2
2d do., L. H. Boardman, Sheffield,	1
Best bushel Seed Buckwheat, J. E. Hollenbeck, Egremont,	2
2d do., J. H. Rowley, Egremont,	1
Best bushel Winter Wheat, Joseph Frieu, Great Barrington,	2
2d do., M. I. Wheeler, Great Barrington,	1
Best bushel Spring Wheat, G. M. Gibson, New Marlboro,	2
2d do., E. Martin, Great Barrington,	1
Best half bushel Seed Potatoes. R. L. Boardman, Sheffield,	4
2d do., S. H. Nye, Great Barrington,	3
3d do., Joseph Ramsey, Egremont,	2
4th do., Peter Cassidy, Sheffield,	1

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Seed Corn, Z. Candee, Sheffield,	1
Seed Corn, G. W. Stickles, Alford,	1
Potatoes, M. Bartholomew, Sheffield,	1
Rye, E. Collins, Sheffield,	1
Rye, S. H. Nye, Great Barrington,	1
Beans, E. L. Boardman, Sheffield,	1
Oats, E. L. Boardman, Sheffield,	1
Pop Corn, Joseph Frieu, Great Barrington,	1

COMMITTEE.—D. Dresser, D. C. Millard, J. R. Stanton.

VEGETABLES AND HORTICULTURE.

Whole number of entries, 76. Best variety Garden Vegetables, 4; best Horticultural Display, 1; Potatoes, 5; Onions, 14; Tomatoes, 8; Pumpkins, 6; Cabbage, 4; Beets 6; Squashes, 5; miscellaneous, 23.

Your committee in this department found fewer entries than on previous years, there being only four entries of variety Garden Vegetables. Those were fine, and a good assortment; one being a collection of different kinds of potatoes, which were very nice, and of *new varieties*. There was but one in Horticulture. One man took about half of the premiums in this department. Now neighbor Farmer had we better give up the garden, and let one man take all the spoons, or had we better fill that basement with vegetables, as it was never filled before. We should say *fill it*, and if there is not enough money allowed for this department, raise more—and pay more premiums, so if a farmer makes a fair show of vegetables, have enough to reward him, that we may keep life and ambition in the

foreground, and not have him go home and say, that it does not pay, and "I won't take any more vegetables to that Fair." What is more remunerative than a good Vegetable Garden? A man can support his family on the produce of a small piece of land, if well cultivated.

Early in the Spring, when you begin think about your Garden, be sure that you have good and reliable *seeds*, so that you will not have to plant and replant them. We should be glad to see more, and a better display in Horticulture. It would make a decided improvement, if we could have several entries in the Hall, and let there be a sample of every thing, raised on the farm, such as Vegetables, Grain, Fruit and flowers. Our awards are as follows:

Largest and best variety Garden Vegetables, M. L. Whitlock, Great Barrington,	$6
2d do., Frederick Dellert, Great Barrington,	5
3d do., E. L. Heath, Stockbridge,	4
4th do., R. L. Boardman, Sheffield,	3
Best Horticultural Display, Frederick Dellert, Great Barrington,	7

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Potatoes, Seth Lee, Sheffield,	2
Potatoes, Harlow Hayes, Great Barrington,	1
Beets, Frederick Dellert, Great Barrington,	2
Beets, J. A. Kline, Egremont,	1
Turnips, Elisha Collins, Great Barrington,	1
Squashes, Samuel Newell, Great Barrington,	1
Squashes, Mrs. Walter Miner, Sheffield,	1
Squashes, Lewis Schneider, Sheffield,	1
Pumpkins, F. K. Hinckley, Lee,	1
Pumpkins, Lashas Jackman, Stockbridge,	1
Cabbage, James McGraw, Sheffield,	2
Cabbage, L. H. Boardman, Sheffield,	1
Tomatoes, F. O. Andrus, Sheffield,	1
Tomatoes, Frederick Dellert, Great Barington,	1
Onions, L. H. Boardman, Sheffield,	1
Onions, Levi Boardman, Sheffield,	2
Melons, William I. Walker, Great Barrington,	1
Peppers, Frederick Dellert, Great Barrington,	1
Carrots, Frederick Dellert, Great Barrington,	1
Cauliflower, Master Henry Quackenboss, Great Barrington,	1
Celery, Frederick Dellert Great Barrington,	1

COMMITTEE.—M. W. Strong, H. M. Baldwin, W. W. Hollenbeck.

HOUSEHOLD MANUFACTURES—1ST DIVISION.

Whole number of entries, 33. Rag carpeting, 15; hearth rugs, 18.

The Committeeon Household Manufactures—1st Division award:

Best piece Rag Carpeting, Mrs. A. Hewins, Sheffield,	$6
2d do., Mrs. John Spencer, West Stockbridge,	5
3d do., Mrs. C. P. Woodruff, West Stockbridge,	4
4th do., Mrs. O. S. Higley, Becket,	3
5th do., Mrs. E. F. Wilms, Great Barrington,	2
6th do., Mrs. C. F. Phelps, Stockbridge,	1
Best Hearth Rug, Mrs. William Abbott, Sheffield,	3
2d do., Emma G. Clark, Sheffield,	2
3d do., Mrs. E. Hurlburt, Great Barrington,	1

DISCRETIONARY.

Mrs. H. Goodwin, Great Barrington,	$2
Mrs. A. Benton, Great Barrington,	1
Mrs. W. H. Snow, Becket,	1
Carpet, Mrs. A. Lindsay, Sheffield,	2
Carpet, Mrs. Theodore Topping, Sheffield,	1
Rug, Mrs. O. S. Higley, Becket,	1
Rug, Mrs. S. B. Dewey, North Egremont,	1
Carpet, Miss E. M. Langdon, Lee,	1

COMMITTEE.—O. C. Houghtaling, Mrs. John C. Taylor, Mrs. Beebe.

HOUSEHOLD MANUFACTURES.—2D DIVISION.

Whole number of entries, 54. Afghans, 10 ; three pounds yarn, 5 ; four pairs woolen hose, 22 ; three pairs woolen mittens. 17.

The Committee on Household Manufactures—2d Division award:

Best Afghan or Lap Robe, Mrs. Henry Burgett, Egremont,	$3
2d do., Mrs. O. C. Houghtaling, Great Barrington,	2
3d do., Mrs. William Karner, Pittsfield,	1
Best three pounds White or Colored Woolen Yarn, Mrs. Frank Lewis, New Marlboro,	3
2d do., Mrs. Orson Dowd, New Marlboro,	2
3d do., Mrs. Guy Day, Great Barrington,	1
Best four pair Woolen Hose, Mrs. J. Spencer, West Stockbridge,	3
2d do., Mrs. William Abbott, Sheffield,	2
3d do., Mrs. W. W. Langdon, Great Barrington,	1
Best three pair Woolen Mittens, Mrs. J. M. Cooper, Stockbridge,	2
2d do., Mrs. H. E. Codding, Egremont,	1

DISCRETIONARY.

Afghan, Mrs. M. T. Huntington, Great Barrington,	1
Afghan, Miss Ada Crosier, Washington,	1
Afghan, Mrs. C. C. Beecher, Great Barrington,	1
Afghan, Miss O. Saxton, Sheffield,	1
Hose, Miss Lizzie Lindsey, Sheffield,	1
Cotton Hose, Miss Anna Putnam, Becket,	1
Cotton Hose, Mrs. C. Crosier, Washington,	1
Cotton Hose, Miss Anna Putnam, Becket,	1
Three pairs Hose, Mrs. W. H. Snow, Becket,	1
Mittens, Mrs. Belle E. Race, Egremont,	1
Mittens, Mrs. Andrew Shufelt, Great Barrington,	1
Mittens, Mrs. L. Lockwood, West Stockbridge,	1
One pair Mittens, Mrs. Warren Walker, Mew Marlboro,	1
One pair Mittens, Mrs. N. D. Van Deusen, Great Barrington,	1
One pair Mittens, Mrs. O. S. Higley, Becket,	1
One pair Mittens, Mrs. G. Bramble, West Stockbridge,	1

COMMITTEE.—Mrs. Erwin F. Barnes, Mrs. Benjamin Wheeler, W. H. Mansfield.

HOUSEHOLD MANUFACTURES—3D DIVISION.

The Committee on Household Manufactures—3d division award:

Whole number of entries, 66. Bed Spreads, 7 ; Quilts, 19 ; Silk Quilts, 10 ; Patchwork done by a girl not over twelve years of age, 7 ; Other Patchwork, 14.

Best Bed Spread, Martha J. Clark, Stockbridge,	$4
2d do., Helen Cadwell, Pittsfield,	3
3d do., Mrs. Grove Gaylord, New Marlboro,	2
4th do., Miss M. Cross, Becket,	1
Best Quilt, Mrs. T. Giddings, Great Barrington,	5
2d do., E. L. Fellows, Sheffield,	4

3d do., Miss Sadie Champlin, Otis,	$3
4th do., Miss Lizzie Lindsey, Sheffield,	2
5th do., Mrs. Isaac Spurr, Sheffield,	1
Best Silk Quilt, Miss Rebecca Pearce, Mount Washington,	5
2d do., Mrs. A. W. Curtiss, Sheffield,	4
3d do., Mrs. C. H. Husted, Egremont,	3
4th do., Mrs. E. R. Joyner, Egremont,	2
5th do., Mrs. Edwin Hurlburt, Great Barrington,	1
Best Patchwork, (by girl not over 12,) Minnie L. Brewer, New Marlboro,	3
2d do., Eva M. Crosier, Washington,	2
3d do., Minnie Merryfield, Sheffield,	1

DISCRETIONARY.

Silk Quilt, Miss Allie Hurlburt, Great Barrington,	1
Silk Quilt, Mrs. H. A. Bristol, Great Barrington,	1
Silk Quilt, Mrs. E. L. Gorham, Great Barrington,	1
Satin Quilt, Mrs. Albert Clark, Lee,	1
Silk Quilt, Mrs. Louise Karner, Egremont,	1
Silk Quilt, Mrs. J. Wright, New Marlboro,	1
Patchwork, Silk Stand Spread, Miss Ellen Hoag, New Marlboro.	1
Patchwork, Silk Stand Spread, Miss Alice Ray, Great Barrington,	1
Patchwork, Miss Abbie Ray, Pittsfield,	1

A Quilt exhibited by Mrs. N. Hunter of Canaan, Ct., would have received a premium had competitor lived in this county.

COMMITTEE.—E. J. Vosburgh, Mrs. J. A. Tanner, Mrs. John B. Hull.

PAINTING, DRAWING, ETC.

Whole number of entries, 27; Oil Paintings, 12; Water Colers, 3; Crayon Drawing, 1; Pencil Drawings, 4; Miscellaneous, 7.

The love of ornamentation is instructive in our race, and its gratification is commensurate with the taste and ability of individual desire. We trace it in the uncouth characters upon the implements of the stone period; more frequently upon those of the age of bronze. It appears on a larger scale and in truer proportion on the ruins of the Aztec structures. The Alascan Indian erects quaintly carved posts before his dwelling; the Red man of our wilderness adorns his pipe and the tanned coverings of his wigwam, and treads the war-path bristling with gay feathers and talons of the eagle and the bear. The savage of the tropics is proud of his tattooed cuticle and his blazoned tom-tom. Civilization tamed the barbarities of the instinct into the bold and somber adornment of Egyptian art and the delicate and truthful designs of Grecian taste. In all ages and every where we recognize the love of ornament; graduating from the pigment of the barbarian to the diamonds of the belle of modern society.

There have been times and people when and by whom all art beyond the absolute requirements of decency and utility have been regarded with religious abhorrence. The Quaker and the Puritan looked upon an æsthetic production as a snare of the evil one instituted to detract from the cultivation of higher and holier aims. The drab suit and barn-like meeting-house were constant sermons against the delusions of external adornment. But mental progress and larger culture introduced more liberal doctrines with the lapse of years, and it came at last to be generally believed that a worshiper might do service as sincerely in broadcloth and enameled boots as in

serge and brogans; that sincere prayer is as acceptable when uttered in a $100,000 temple as in a bare-walled barrack.

Then followed the era of the gratification of art-love as measured by the pecuniary ability of the individual fancier. Only the favored few who bore heavy purses were regarded as the proper possessors of household adornments. In their case artistic tiles flanked the fire-place; carpets concealed the board floor; mouldings and cornices topped the parlor and family portraits or costly engravings relieved the broad surface of the walls. In the rural districts, (with, perhaps, the exception of "the squire" or the minister,) people were content if the "best room" of their humble dwellings could display the gaudy-hued paper, with its figured impossibilities to "company" on state occasions. As for the churches, the bare pulpit and uncushioned seat were sufficient for devotional purposes; while a huge, rough stove with its dreary length of pipe to modify the edge of the cold, was the exception rather than the rule.

What a change have later years seen throughout the land! Art with its schools and devotees has made strides in the time of progress relatively as important to the æsthetic, as are steam, and electricity to the commercial world. And neither its knowledge nor its possession is longer a monopoly. Though of metropolitan origin, its ramifications have reached the remote hills and valleys of New England, at least, and are constantly extending.

Of this, every succeeding exhibition at our Housatonic Fair affords ample proof. The taste and aptitude are no longer latent among us, and the artists are the sons and daughters of Berkshire. Your committee found awaiting their inspection the productions of a few artists already well advanced on the road to eminence, and those of very promising aspirants in the same direction. We would suggest a more general copying from nature, rather than from casts and models. There was less free-hand drawing than we desire to see. But some of the specimens from natural objects were admirable. The sunlight on the golden rod, which took the first premium in oils was less color than the real thing. Scarcely less excellent were the entwinings of a decorated mirror; also several groups of pansies on board and metal, framed and on placques; and a painted fly on one of the pieces was so natural as to induce several attempts of persons to dislodge it only to acknowledge themselves "sold." Some imitations of Kensington stitch in oils were nearly perfect. A considerable range of articles outside of our marked line of duty called for a free use of our discretionary funds. Notably in this line were some beautifully ornamented candles, a large collection of superior photographs; a fine specimen of pen-work, and one charcoal drawing admirably executed. So largely has charcoal become a competitor of crayon and pencil, that your committee would suggest distinct premiums for productions with this material.

But more room and a better light is needed for the proper display of the department of these arts, and, as we think, ought to be afforded, even if an "Annex" be furnished therefor. Could not a por-

tion of the gallery be arranged for this purpose? Surely our well-to-do Society cannot grudge suitable accommodation for the tasteful and the beautiful. Your Committee award as follows:

Best specimen Oil Painting, Miss Isabella Cass, Great Barrington,	$5
2d do., Mrs. Charles E. Callender, Stockbridge.	4
3d do., Mrs. William C. Dalzell, Egremont,	3
Best specimen Painting in Water Colors, Miss Isabella Cass, Great Barrington,	4
2d do., Anna B. Foote, Lee,	3
3d do., Miss L. C. Baldwin, West Stockbridge,	2
Best Crayon Drawing, Anna B. Foote, Lee,	2
Best Pencil Drawing, Anna B. Foote, Lee,	3
2d do., Miss I. G. A. Whiting, Great Barrington,	2
3d do., Frederick Curtiss, New Marlboro,	1

MISCELLANEOUS AND DISCRETIONARY.

Charcoal Drawing, Belle Curtis, Stockbridge,	2
Kensington Painting, Mrs. O. Taft, Sheffield,	2
Pen-Work, Louis Brock, Great Barrington,	1
Decorated Candles, Mrs. F. C. Richardson, New Marlboro,	2
Roses, Mrs. Ellen S. Dixey, Lenox,	1
Pansies and Decorated Tambourine, Winnie Ward, Great Barrington,	1
Oil Painting, Grace Robinson, Sheffield,	1
Oil Painting, Susie DeWolf, Lee,	2
Oil Painting, Gertrude DeWolf, Lee,	2
Oil Painting, Kitty V. Bacon, Sheffield,	1
Photographs, W. H. Van Patten, Great Barrington,	2

COMMITTEE.—E. W. B. Canning, T. R. Mercein, Miss M. E. Loring.

WAX, HAIR, FEATHER, CARVED AND SAWED WORK.

Whole number of entries, 23. Hair Work, 2; Feather Work, 2; Sawed Work, 1; Miscellaneous, 18.

The Committee on Wax, Hair, Feather, Carved and Sawed Work, award:

Best Hair Work, Mrs. J. E Hollenbeck, Egremont,	$3
2d do., Mrs. M. E. Cowles, Sheffield,	1
Best Feather Work, Mrs. J. E. Hollenbeck, Egremont,	3
2d do., Mrs. DeWitt Munson, Monterey,	1
Best Fancy Work, Mrs. George H. Kirby, Sheffield,	2

DISCRETIONARY.

Collection of Cards, Della M, Kline, Egremont,	2
Collection of Cards, Carrie Smith, Sheffield,	1
Burr House, Mrs. E. Balch, Sheffield,	2
Case of Millinery, A. S. Fassett, Great Barrington,	4
Work Basket, Mrs. O. Taft, Sheffield,	1
Perforated Cross, Lucia Peck, Sheffield,	2
Perforated Work, Ora Snow, Becket,	1
Toilet Set, Mrs. T. Curtin, Monterey,	1
Collection Sea Moss, Mrs. B. Johnson, Egremont,	2
Shell Toy Box, Georgia A. Hall, Monterey,	1
Mineral Cross, Mary Candee, Sheffield,	1
Perforated Work, Herbie Snow, Becket,	1
Hammered Brass Work, Katharine Cass, Great Barrington,	2
Case of Butterflies. Harvey Wadhams, Egremont,	1

COMMITTEE.—W. H. Bolton, Miss Sara Baldwin, Mrs. L. H. Boardman.

NEEDLEWORK AND WORSTED EMBROIDERY.

Whole number of entries, 40. Needlework. 13; Worsted Embroidery, 27.

The Committee on Needlework and Worsted Embroidery award:

Best specimen Needlework, Miss A. Trimper. Pittsfield,	$5
2d do., Mrs. E. H. Bush, Pittsfield,	4
3d do., Mrs. I. S. Fenn, Otis,	3
4th do., Mrs. M. S. Arnold, Pittsfield, (withheld)	2
Best specimen Worsted Embroidery, Miss Hattie Clark, Sheffield,	4
2d do., Mrs Joseph Kenyon, Otis,	3
3d do., Mrs. William Cropper, Sheffield.	2
4th do., Mrs. Noble B. Turner, Great Barrington,	1

DISCRETIONARY.

Mrs. William L. Abbott, Sheffield,	2
Mrs. H. W. Noble, Pittsfield,	1
Mrs. J. M. Cooper, Stockbridge,	1
Mrs. H W. Noble, Pittsfield,	1
Miss Helen A. Cadwell, Pittsfield,	1
Miss Alice Luka, Great Barrington,	1
Miss Mary E. Keefe, Great Barrington,	1
Miss Nancy Kelsey, Egremont,	1
Mrs. J. J. Hart, New Marlboro,	1
Mrs. John Spencer. West Stockbridge,	1
Mrs. W. G. Karner, Pittsfield,	1

DISCRETIONARY ON NEEDLEWORK.

Miss Lizzie Decker, Great Barrington,	1
Mrs. Joseph Kenyon, Otis,	1
Mrs. John Seeley, Great Barrington,	1
Mrs. G. H. Brodie, Pittsfield,	1
Mrs. C. G. Merrill, Pittsfield,	1
Mrs. Minnie Bacon, Williamstown,	1
Mary L. Dowd, Monterey,	1
Mrs. W. E Ford, Great Barrington,	1
Mrs. W. H. Snow, Becket.	1
Mrs. Minnie Bacon, Williamstown,	1

COMMITTEE.—A. S. Fassett, Miss Ella Fitch, Mrs. E. J. Vosburgh.

KENSINGTON AND SILK EMBROIDERY.

Whole number of entries 33. Kensington, 17; Silk, 16.

The Committee award as follows:

Best specimen Kensington Embroidery, Mrs. M. S. Crowel, Pittsfield,	$5
2d do., Mrs. T. G. Ramsdell, Great Barrington,	4
3d do., Mrs. O. C. Houghtaling, Great Barrington,	3
Best specimen Silk Embroidery, Ada S. Hatch, Great Barrington,	4
2d do., Mrs. A. S. Fassett, Great Barrington,	3
3d do., Miss Kate Pixley, Great Barrington,	2
4th do., Mrs Joseph Kenyon, Otis,	1

DISCRETIONARY.

Silk Embroidery, Miss A. Trimper, Pittsfield,	1
Mrs. M. D. Richardson, Great Barrington,	1
Mrs. S. Arnold, Pittsfield, (withheld)	1
Ida Watkins,	1
Mrs. Edwin Hurlburt, Great Barrington,	1
Mrs. J. J. Hart, New Marlboro,	1
Mrs. Anna M. H. Barnard, Sheffield,	1
Miss Clara Gilbert,	1
Mrs. Charles Crosier, Washington,	1
Kensington, Miss A. Trimper, Pittsfield,	1

Mrs. A. B. French, West Stockbridge, $2
Miss Minerva Cross, Becket, 1
Mrs. L. Moffatt, West Stockbridge, 1
Mrs. O. S. Higley, Becket, 1

COMMITTEE.—M. J. Smith, Miss Lulu Boardman, Miss Carrie Shead.

CROCHET, KNIT AND TATTING WORK.

Whole number of entries, 64. Crochet Work, 39; Knit Work, 22; Tatting, 3.

The Committee on Crochet, Knit and Tatting Work, award as follows:

Best Crochet Work, Toilet Set, Miss Sadie Champlain, Otis, $4
2d do., Shawl, Mrs. J. S. Spencer, West Stockbridge, 3
3d do., Shawl, Miss M. French, Sheffield, 2
4th., do., Skirts, Mrs. Erwin F. Barnes, West Stockbridge, 1
Best Knit Work, Scarf, Mrs. Nellie Guevin, Otis, 4
2d do., Stockings, Mrs. W. H. Snow, Becket, 3
3d do., Skirt, Mrs. Walter Miner, Sheffield, 2
4th do., Lace, Miss Emma E. Babb, North Blandford, 1
Best Tatting, Tatted Fichue, Miss M. A. Stafford, Stockbridge, 3
2d do., Collar, Mrs. Jos. Kenyon, Otis, 2
3d do., Silk Tatting, Handkerchief, Miss Alice Luka, Great Barrington, 1

DISCRETIONARY—CROCHET.

Shawl, Miss Ella Warner, Sheffield, 2
Lambrequin, Mrs. John G. Calkins, New Marlboro, 1
Tidy and Lambrequin, Miss Ada Crosier, Washington, 1
Dress, Miss Belle Peck, Great Barrington, 1
Shawl, Miss Lizzie Field, Sheffield, 1
Pieces Work, Miss Minnie Ford, Stockbridge, 1
Shawl Border, Miss May G. Canfield, Sheffield, 1
Shawl Mrs. O. C. Houghtaling, Great Barrington, 1
Lambrequin, Mrs. S. C. M. Hall, Great Barrington, 1
Shawl and Tidy, Mrs. L. J. Wright, Egremont, 1
Shawl Mrs. George F. Hull, Great Barrington, 1
Shawl and Lambrequin, Mrs. E. C. Brown, West Stockbridge, 1

KNIT WORK.

Lounge Cover, Miss Sadie Champlin, Otis, 1
Silk Stockings, Mrs. Joseph Kenyon, Otis, 1
Tidy, Miss Alice Ray, Great Barrington, 1
Silk Mittens, Mrs. M. P. Taylor, Great Barrington, 1
Edging, Mrs. L. A. Barnes, West Stockbridge, 1

COMMITTEE.—R. H. Moore, Miss Grace E. Whiting, Mrs. J. A. Kline.

LACE, BEAD AND NET WORK, MENDING AND DARNING.

Whole number of entries, 45 Lace, 15; Bead Work, 5; Net work, 0; Darning, 10; Mending, 5; Miscellaneous, 10.

The Committee on Lace, Bead and Net Work, Mending and Darning award as follows:

Best Hand-Made Lace, Miss Ruth Curtiss, Great Barrington, $3
2d do,, Mrs. T. G. Ferguson, Great Barrington, 2
3d do., Mrs William Abbott, Sheffield, 1
Best Bead Work, Mrs. L. Henry, Pittsfield, 3
2d do., Miss Lizzie Decker, Great Barringtont, 2
3d do., Miss Mattie Fee, Egremont, 1
Best Darning, Mrs. S. Hall, New Marlboro, 2
2d do., Miss Minnie Ford, Stockbridge, 1
Best Mending, Mrs. E. Stevens Sheffield, 2
2d do., Mrs. L. H. Busby, Monterey, 1

DISCRETIONARY.

Point Lace Handkerchief, Mrs. R. H. Bradford, Egremont,	$2
Drawn Work, Miss A. Trimper, Pittsfield,	2
Macrame Lambrequin, Mrs. T. J. Ferguson, Great Barrington,	2
Macrame Bag, Miss Ina Forrost, Becket,	1
Plain Sewing, Miss V. L. Fellows, Sheffield,	2
Pillow Sham, Miss D. M. Kline, Egremont,	2

MISCELLANEOUS.

Best Drawn Work, Miss Rebecca C. Pearce, Mount Washington,	3
2d do., Mrs. William Abbott, Sheffield,	2
3d do., Mrs. Henry Barrett, Pittsfield,	1

COMMITTEE.—Mrs. John C. Calkins, Mrs. Henry W. Burget.

BUTTER.

Whole number of entries, 26.

The Committeee on Butter award as follows :

Best twenty pounds of Butter, Mrs. L. Hulett, Sheffield,	$8
2d do., William H. Baldwin, Lee,	7
3d do., J. L. Millard. Egremont,	6
4th do., Mrs. Charles Adsit, New Marlboro,	5
5th do., T. S. Baldwin, Egremont,	4
6th do., Mrs. William Wilcox, Sheffield,	3
7th do., Miss Sarah Williams, Egremont,	2
8th do., Mrs. R. A. Potts, Egremont,	1

COMMITTEE.—M. I. Wheeler, James Bullard, M. S. Bidwell.

CHEESE.

Whole number of entries, 7. Twenty-five pounds, 6; One Hundred pounds, 1.

The Committee on Cheese award as follows :

Best twenty-five pounds Cheese, Mrs. O. W. Cone, Sandisfield,	$6
2d do., Mrs. Warren Candee, Sheffield,	5
3d do., Mrs. E. B. Sears, Sandisfield,	4
4th do., Mrs. Orrin Clark, Sheffield,	3
5th do., Mrs. George F. Bradford, Egremont,	2
6th do., Mrs. W. J. Clark, Sheffield,	1
Best one hundred pounds Factory Cheese, J. F. Lawton, Great Barrington,	6

COMMITTEE.—S. W. Wright, T. C. Wickwire, S. E. Smith.

WHITE BREAD AND BISCUIT.

Whole number of entries, 87, White Bread, 51 ; Biscuit, 36.

The Committee on White Bread and Biscuit award as follows :

Best specimen White Bread, Mrs. J. C. Taylor, Egremont,	$4
2d do., Mrs. E. F. Barnes, West Stockbridge,	3
3d do., Miss Mary McWalter, Great Barrington,	2
4th do., Mrs. Peter Cassidy, Sheffield,	2
5th do., Mrs. William S. Holmes, Egremont,	1
6th do., Mrs. Cyrus French, Sheffield,	1
Best specimen Biscuit, Miss E. J. Langdon, Great Barrington,	4
2d do., Mrs. S. L. Sheldon, Great Barrington,	3
3d do., Mrs. T. Bartholomew, Sheffield,	2
4th do., Mrs. Henry Snyder, Great Barrington,	1

DISCRETIONARY.

Entire Wheat, Mrs. Harvey Roys, Sheffield,	1

COMMITTEE.—C. J. Burget, Miss M. E. Loring, Miss Jane Curtiss.

RYE, BROWN AND GRAHAM BREAD.

Whole number of entries, 41. Rye bread, 18; Brown Bread, 12; Graham Bread, 11.

The Committee on Rye, Brown and Graham Bread award as follows:

Best specimen Rye Bread, Mrs. Abner Roys, Sheffield,	$3
2d do., Mrs. L. J. Wright, Egremont,	2
3d do., Mrs. Frank Baldwin, Egremont,	1
Best Brown Bread, Mrs. Curtiss Baldwin, Great Barrington,	3
2d do., Mrs. Harvey Roys, Sheffield,	2
3d do., Mrs. E. L. Heath, Stockbridge,	1
Best specimen Graham Bread, Mrs. Mary Riley, Great Barrington,	3
2d do., Miss S. K. Taylor,	2
3d do., Miss Nellie Dobson,	1

COMMITTEE.—E. F. Barnes, Mrs. H. L. Rowe, Mrs. William H. Sheldon.

MAPLE SUGAR, SYRUP AND HONEY.

Whole numbee of entries, 29. Maple Sugar, 3; Maple Syrup, 16; Honey, 10.

The Committee on Maple Sugar, Syrup and Honey award as follows:

Best twenty pounds Maple Sugar, H. D. Hyde, New Marlboro,	$3
2d do., Mrs. L. D. Jenks, Williamstown,	2
3d do., Ambrose Stanard, New Marlboro,	1
Best Quart Maple Syrup, W. J. Clark, Sheffield,	3
2d do., A. J. Freeman, New Marlboro,	2
3d do., E. Balch, Sheffield,	1
Best five pounds Honey, E. J. Slater, Tyringham,	3
2d do., W. W. Garfield, Tyringham,	2
3d do., Amos Smith, Tyringham,	1

COMMITTEE.—L. P. Keyes, Miles T. Whitney, Clarence Roys.

FLOWERS AND HOUSE PLANTS.

Whole number of entries, 54. Potted Plants, by professional, 1; Cut Flowers, by professional, 1; Potted Plants, not professional, 5; Cut Flowers, not professional, 11; Floral Designs, 5; Collection of Pansies, 5; Verbenas, 3; Geraniums, 5; Roses, 0; Floral Plants, 2; Asters, 3; Gladiolus, 3; Wild Flowers, 11.

The Committee on Flowers and House Plants award as follows:

Best display Potted Plants, by professional, Mrs. J. M. Mackie, Great Barrington,	$5
Best display Cut Flowers, by professional, Mrs. J. M. Mackie, Great Barrington,	3
Best display Potted Plants, not professional, Mrs. E. F. Wilms, Great Barrington,	5
2d do., Mrs. J. Frien, Great Barrington,	3
Best display Cut Flowers, not professional, Mrs. H. W. Burget, Egremont,	3
2d do., Emma G. Clark, Sheffield,	2
Best Floral Design, Mrs. H. Z. Candee, Sheffield,	3
2d do., Mrs. E. C. Ticknor, Alford,	2
Best collection of Pansies, Mrs. J. M. Mackie, Great Barrington,	2
2d do., Mrs. Charles Adsit, New Marlboro,	1
Best collection of Verbenas, Miss Sadie Little, Sheffield,	2
2d do., Mrs. Belle E. Race, Egremont.	1
Best collection of Geraniums, Mrs. Emily Clark, Sheffield,	2
2d do., Mrs. Ralph Little, Sheffield,	1
Best collection of Foliage Plants, Mrs. J. M. Mackie, Great Barrington,	2
2d do., Mrs. Z. Candee, Sheffield,	1

Best collection of Asters, Miss Sadie Little, Sheffield,	$2
2d do., Mrs. O. E. Clark, Sheffield,	1
Best collection of Gladiolus, Mrs. F. M. Ford, Sheffield,	2
2d do., Mrs. Ralph Little, Sheffield,	1
Best collection of Wild Flowers, Miss Lotta Rogers, Great Barrington,	2
2d do., Miss Emma Potts, Sheffield,	1

DISCRETIONARY.

Immortelles, Mrs. J. C. Hare, Great Barrington,	2
Dried Grasses, Mrs. G. F. Prindle, Alford,	2
Begonias, Mrs. R. Little, Sheffield,	1
Geraniums, Mrs. F. M. Fellows, Great Barrington,	1
Cactus, Mrs. Lucia Peck, Sheffield,	1
Dahlias, Mrs. F. M. Fellows, Great Barrington,	1
Cut Flowers, Mrs. H. L. Rowe, Egremont,	1
Cut Flowers, Mrs. O. E. Clark, Sheffield,	1
Cut Flowers, Mrs. G. F. Prindle, Alford,	1
Floral Design, Collection of Geraniums, Mrs. Z. Candee, Sheffield,	1
Floral Design, Miss Jennie L. Andrews, Sheffield,	1
Pansies, Mrs. Ralph Little, Sheffield,	1
Pansies, Mrs. Belle Race, Egremont,	1
Verbenas, Mrs. H. Dresser, Great Barrington,	1
Asters, Mrs. J. M. Mackie, Great Barrington,	1
Wild Flowers, Mrs. Georgia A. Hall, Monterey,	1
Cut Flowers, Mrs. H. Dresser, Great Barrington,	1

COMMITTEE.—John B. Hull, Mrs. Dwight Andrews, Miss Mary Field.

FRUITS—1st DIVISION.

Whole number of entries, 10. Fall Apples, 6; Variety of Fruits, 4.

The Committee on Fruits award as follows:

Best specimen Fall Apples, William Burghardt, Great Barrington,	$4
2d do., Ralph Little, Sheffield,	3
3d do., H. Z. Candee, Sheffield,	2
4th do., Charles Spurr, Sheffield,	1
Best Variety Fruits, Charles Spurr, Sheffield,	10
2d do., Zacheus Candee, Sheffield,	8
3d do., Orren Curtiss, Sheffield,	6

COMMITTEE.—T. J. Williams, E. T. Clark, John C. Taylor.

FRUITS—SECOND DIVISION.

Whole number of entries, 15.

The Committee award as follows:

Best specimen Winter Apples, Orrin Clark, Sheffield,	$6
2d do., Isaac Spurr, Sheffield,	5
3d do., W. E. Brewer, New Marlboro,	4
4th do., Rodney Sage, Sheffield,	3
5th do., Charles Spurr, Sheffield,	2
6th do H. Z. Candee, Sheffield,	1

COMMITTEE.—George W. Parrish, E. E. Barnes, H. D. Hyde.

FRUITS—THIRD DIVISION.

Whole number of entries, 51. Pears, 7; Peaches, 6; Single Variety Pears, 19; Plums, 2; Single Variety Plums, 7; Quinces, 6; Cranberries, 4.

The Committee award as follows:

Best specimen Peaches, Ralph Little, Sheffield,	$3
2d do., C. F. Phelps, Stockbridge,	2
3d do., W. E. Brewer, New Marlboro,	1

Best specimen Pears, H. Z. Candee, Sheffield, $5
2d do., Ralph Little, Sheffield, 4
3d do., E. L. Boardman, Sheffield, 3
4th do., Phineas Pettis, New Marlboro, 2
5th do., Orrin Curtis, Sheffield, 1
Best Single Variety Pears, Zacheus Candee, Sheffield, 3
2d do., R. H. Bradford, Egremont, 2
3d do., H. T. Robbins, Great Barrington, 1
Best specimen Plums, J. N. Warner, Sheffield, 3
2d do., H. Z. Candee, Sheffield, 2
Best Single Variety Plums, J. N. Warner, Sheffield, 2
2d do., T. H. Fenn, Lee, 1
Best specimen Quinces, E. F. Clark, Sheffield, 3
2d do., Levi Boardman, Sheffield, 2
3d do., Ralph Little, Sheffield, 1

CRANBERRIES.

Three varities were exhibited all equally good; we recommend a premium of $1 each to Orren Curtiss of Sheffield, Mrs. E. W. Stratton of Sandisfield, and Mrs. A. W. Merrill of Sandisfield.

We recommend a premium of $1 to Mrs. Harvey Roys of Sheffield, for one plate of blackberries.

COMMITTEE.—C. E. Heath, Edwin Lumbert, Dwight Boardman.

FRUITS—FOURTH DIVISION.

Whole number of entries, 7. Grapes raised in open air, 6; Grapes raised under glass, 1.

The Committee award as follows:

Best Grapes raised in open air, Orren Curtiss, Sheffield, $5
2d do., Charles Spurr, Sheffield, 4
3d do., Phineas Pettis, New Marlboro, 3
4th do., E. L. Boardman, Sheffield, 2
5th do., Zacheus Cande, Sheffield, 1
Best Grapes raised under glass, Mrs. John H. Coffing, Great Barrington, 4

DISCRETIONARY.

B. F. Phillips, 1

COMMITTEE.—Ralph Little, James Shead, F. T. Whiting.

FRUITS—FIFTH DIVISION.

Whole number of entries, 13. Dried Fruit, 4; Canned Fruits, 4; Pickles, 5.

The Committee award as follows:

Best Dried Fruit, Carrie Chapin, Sheffield, $3
2d do., Mrs. Harvey Roys, Sheffield, 2
3d do., Mrs. James Stanton, Sheffield, 1
Best Canned Fruit, Mrs. John S. Spencer, West Stockbridge, 3
2d do., Mrs. Edgar Shears, Sheffield, 2
3d do., Mrs. Mary Pierpont, Sheffield, 1
Best Pickles, Mary E. Kellogg, Sheffield, 3
2d do., Mrs. Edgar Shears, Sheffield, 2
3d do., Hopkins Cande, Sheffield, 1

COMMITTEE.—Mrs. George H. Kirby, Mrs. M. C. Langdon, Mrs. Hayden M Truesdell.

MECHANICAL PRODUCTIONS.

Whole number of entries, 15. Pleasure Harness, 1; Farm Harness, 1; Miscellaneous, 13.

Best Pleasure Harness, A. J. Hunt, Great Barrington, $4
Best Farm Harness, A. J. Hunt, Great Barrington, 4

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Ax Helves, Egbert Markham, Sheffield,	$1
Ax Helves, W. A. Hall, Monterey,	1
Ax Helves, Merrick G. Hall, Great Barrington,	1
Flails, W. A. Hall, Monterey,	1
Flails, Merrick G. Hall, Great Barrington,	1
Monumental Work, C. E. Rathbun, Stockbridge,	3
Monumental Work, F. O. Andrus, Sheffield,	3

Our committee found several exhibits in this division which should have come under the head of "agricultural implements," and not entitled to premiums, but deemed worthy of honorable mention: One Elevator Creamer, Vermont Farm Machine Co.; 1 Cabinet Creamer, Vermont Farm Machine Co.; 1 Davis Swing Churn, Vermont Farm Machine Co.; 1 Eureka Butter Worker, Vermont Farm Machine Co.; 1 Mosley Cabinet Creamer, P. Steadman; 1 Cabinet Creamer, A. H. Reid, Philadelphia, Pa.; 2 Butter Workers, A. H. Reid, Philadelphia, Pa.

COMMITTEE.—John S. Spencer, Hayden M. Truesdell, John C. Munson.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

No Entries.

DOMESTIC ANIMALS.—FIRST DIVISION,

Whole number of entries, 17. (34 head.) Fat Oxen, 3; Working Oxen, 7; Draft Oxen, 5; Walking Oxen, 2.

The Committee on Animals, First Division, award as follows:

Best Yoke Fat Oxen, Elijah N. Hubbard, Great Barrington,	$10
2d do., Edgar S. Merrill, Lee,	8
3d do., Jacob H. Van Deusen, Great Barrington,	5
Best Yoke Working Oxen, Jared Lewis, Great Barrington,	10
2d do., William H. Hawley, Dalton,	8
3d do., William H. Hale, Tyringham,	6
Best Yoke Draft Oxen, Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington,	8
2d do., L. H. Busby, Monterey,	6
3d do., C. H. Steadman, Tyringham, (withheld.)	4

The committee recommend a special premium of Three Dollars to Robert Wilcox of Canaan, Conn., for a pair of trained Devon Oxen.

COMMITTEE.—George O. Peck, William I. Walker, H. W. Sheldon.

DOMESTIC ANIMALS—SECOND DIVISION.

Whole number of entries, 16, (52 head.) Four-year-old Oxen, 6; three-year old Steers, 5; display Native or grade Stock, 5.

The Committee on Animals, Second Division, award as follows:

Best Yoke Four-year-old Oxen, broke to labor, F. K. Hinckley, Lee,	$8
2d do., C. H. Steadman, Tyringham,	7
3d do., E. L. Boardman, Sheffield,	6
Best Yoke Three-year-old Steers, J. B. Walker, New Marlboro,	7
2d do., Hiram Comstock, Great Barrington,	6
3d do., William H. Hale, Tyringham,	5
4th do., John R. Stanton, Sheffield,	4
Best Native or Grade Stock, not less than six, Jared Lewis, Great Barrington,	8
2d do., Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington,	6
3d do., M. I. Wheeler, Great Barrington,	4

COMMITTEE.—H. L. Smith, W. H. Palmer, H. W. Smith.

ANIMALS—Third Division.

Whole number of entries, 27. Two-year-old Steers, 5; pair Yearling Steers, 3; Steers Broke and Trained by Boys, 1; Grade Yearling heifers, 18.

The Committee on Animals, Third Division, award as follows:

Best pair Two-year-old Steers, Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington,	$4
2d do., William H. Hawley, Dalton,	3
3d do., Horace Z. Cande, Sheffield,	2
Best pair Yearling Steers, Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington,	4
Best Steers Trained by Boys not over Fifteen, John M. Cooper, Stockbridge,	4
Best Grade Yearling Heifer, Jared Lewis, Great Barrington,	4
2d do., E. L. Boardman, Sheffield,	3
3d do., John B. Chadwick, Great Barrington,	2
4th do., Mrs John H. Coffing, Great Barrington,	1
DISCRETIONARY.	
N. B. Curtis, Stockbridge,	2
Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington,	2
William I. Walker, Great Barrington,	2

Committee.—J. Leland Miller, Edwin Adams, George R. Cooper

ANIMALS—Fourth Division.

Whole number of entries, 41, (61 head.) Milch Cows, 25; Fat Cows, 3; Butter Cows, 8; Dairy Cows, 5.

The Committee on Animals, Fourth Division, award as follows:

Best Milch Cow. B. W. Crissey, Great Barrington,	$8
2d do., Frank N. Kellogg, Sheffield,	7
3d do., M. I. Wheeler, Great Barrington,	6
4th do., Mrs. E. C. Millard, Egremont,	5
5th do., W. I. Walker, Great Barrington,	5
6th do., W. H. Day, Great Barrington,	4
7th do., Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington,	4
8th do., Hopkins T. Candee, Sheffield,	3
9th do., H. C. Byington, Stockbridge,	2
10th do., T. S. Baldwin, Egremont,	1
Best Fat Cow, Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington,	6
2d do., Jared Lewis, Great Barrington,	4
Best Grade Butter Cow, Edward L. Heath, Stockbridge,	5
2d do., H. C. Byington, Stockbridge,	4
3d do., C. Goodrich, Stockbridge,	3
4th do., William I. Walker, Great Barrington,	2
Best five Dairy Cows, Warren Crissey, Great Barrington,	8
2d do., Joseph A. Kline, Egremont,	7
3d do., H. C. Byington, Stockbridge,	6
4th do., Mrs. E. C. Millard, Egremont,	5
5th do., Hubert H. Hall, Great Barrington,	4

The milk from the Butter Cows was placed separately in Glass Cream Testers and left over night, with the following result the next morntng: Heath's cow, 37 per cent. cream; Byington's cow, 35½ per cent. cream; Goodrich's cow, 24 per cent. cream; Walker's cow, 23 per cent. cream; Wheeler's cow, 22 per cent. cream; Kline's cow, 16½ per cent. cream; Baldwin's cow, 13 per cent cream.

Committee.—W. H. Baldwin, John P. Pomeroy, William S. Willcox.

ANIMALS—Fifth Division.

Whole number of entries, 29, (33 head.) Two-year-old Heifer, having had a Calf, 10; Heifer Calf, 9; two-year-old Heifer not having had a Calf, 6; Matched Calves, 4.

The Committee on Animals, Fifth Division, award as follows :

Best two-year-old Heifer, having had a calf, B. W. Crissey, Great Barrington, $5
2d do., H. T. Cande, Sheffield, 4
3d do., E. S. Curtis, Stockbridge, 3
4th do., N. B. Curtiss, Stockbridge, 2
5th do., Frank N. Kellogg, Sheffield, 1
Best two-year-old Heifer, not having had a calf, Jared Lewis Great Barrington, 4
2d do., John B. Chadwick, Great Barrington, 3
3d do., N. B. Curtis, Stockbridge, 2
4th do., Mrs. J. H. Coffing, Great Barrington, 1
Best Heifer Calf, Robe.t A. Potts, Egremont, 3
2d do., Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington, 2
3d do., Warren Crissey, Great Barrington, 1
Best pair Matched Calves, F. K. Hinckley, Lee, 4
2d do., Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington, 3
3d do., Elisha Collins, Great Barrington, 2

COMMITTEE.—Frank B. Schutt, T. S. Baldwin, Horace Z. Cande.

ANIMALS—SIXTH DIVISION.

Whole number of entries, 16, (39 head.) Three Stock Cows, 7 ; Single Cows, 8.

The Committee on Animals, Sixth Division, award as follows :

Best three Grade or Native Stock and Dairy Cows, Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington, $8
2d do., Jared Lewis, Great Barrington, 6
3d do., William H. Day, Great Barrington, 4
Best Single Grade or Native Stock Cow, Jared Lewis, Great Barrington, 6
2d do,, Mrs. J. H. Coffing, Great Barrington, 5
3d do., T. S. Baldwin, Egremont, 4
4th do., Warren Crissey, Great Barrington, 3
5th do., N. B. Curtis, Stockbridge, 2

COMMITTEE.—William M. Chapin, Carlton Curtis, George Hale.

ANIMALS—SEVENTH DIVISION.

DURHAM STOCK.

Whole number of entries, 30, (36 head.) Bulls, three-years-old, 2; Bulls under three-years-old, 3 ; Cow with progeny, 7 ; two-year old Heifers, 3 ; Yearling Heifers, 4 ; Bull Calf, 4 ; Heifer Calf. 5 ; Herds. 2.

The Committee on Animals, Seventh Division, award as follows :

Best Bull, three years old or over, Patrick Bossidy, Lee, $8
2d do., W. H. Hubbard, Great Barrington, 6
Best Bull under three years old, J. H. Van Deusen, Great Barrington, 6
2d do., W. S. Willcox, Sheffield, 4
Best cow, with progeny, Joseph A. Kline, Egremont, 6
2d do., Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington. 5
3d do., F. K. Hinckley, Lee, 4
Best two-year-old Heifer, Elijah N. Hubbard, Great Barrington, 4
2d do., F. K. Hinckley, Lee, 3
Best Yearling Heifer, J. A. Kline, Egremont, 3
2d do., Patrick Bossidy, Lee, 2
Best Bull Calf, H. H. Purdy, Monterey, 3
2d do., Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington, 2
Best Heifer Calf, Samuel Newell, Great Barrington, 3
2d do., J. A. Kline, Egremont, 2
Best specimen of Stock of not less than four, William S. Willcox, Sheffield, 8
2d do., J. A. Kline, Egremont, 6

COMMITTEE.—William R. Sessions, Warren Crissey, H. W. Burget.

ANIMALS—Eighth Division.

JERSEY STOCK.

Whole number of entries 28, (40 head). Three-year-old Bulls, 2; Bulls under three years, 6; Cows with Progeny, 3; two-year-old Heifers, 2; Yearling Heifers, 5; Bull Calves, 2; Heifer Calves, 6; Herds, 2.

The Committee on Animals, Eigth Division, award as follows:

Best three-year-old Bull and over, Wellington Clapp, Great Barrington, $8
2d do., J. L. Oberly, Egremont, 6
Best Bull under three years, Parley A. Russell. Great Barrington, "Glory of Brightside," 6
Best Cow with Progeny, F. Hoffman, Stockbridge, "Asteria," 6
2d do., Samuel Newell, Great Barrington, 4
Best two-year-old Heifer, F. Hoffman, Stockbridge, (withheld) 4
Best Bull Calf, J. L. Oberly, Egremont, 3
Best Yerling Heifer, J. L. Oberly, Egremont, 3
2d do., Samuel Newell, Great Barrington. 2
Best Heifer Calf, Parley A. Russell, Great Barrington, 3
2d do., Samuel Newell, Great Barrington, 2
Best specimen of Stock not less than four, Parley A. Russell, Great Barrington, 8

Committee.—E. Burnett, D. B. DeWolf, E. L. Heath.

ANIMALS—Ninth Division.

AYRSHIRE STOCK.

Whole number of entries 11, (17 head). Bulls under three years, 2; Cows and progeny, 2; two year-old Heifer, 1; Yearling Heifer, 1; Bull Calves, 2; Heifer Calf, 1; Herds, 2.

The Committee on Animals, Ninth Division award as follows:

Best Bull under three years, Warren Crissey, Great Barrington, $6
2d do., William I. Walker, Great Barrington, 4
Best Cow and progeny, Warren Crissey, Great Barrington, 6
2d do., William I. Walker, Great Barrington, 5
Best two-year-old Heifer, Warren Crissey, Great Barrington, 3
Best Yearling Heifer, W. I. Walker, Great Barrington, 3
Best Bull Calf, Warren Crissey, Great Barrington, 3
2d do., William I. Walker, Great Barrington, 2
Best Heifer Calf, W. I. Walker, Great Barrington, 3
Best specimen Stock, not less than four in number, William I. Walker, Great Barrington, 8

Committee.—Alonzo Bradley, J. B. Walker, J. W. Clark.

ANIMALS—Tenth Division.

HOLSTEIN STOCK.

Whole number of entries 16, (22 head.) Bulls, under three years, 2; Cow and progeny, 2; two-year-old Heifer, 1; Yearling Heifers, 3; Bull Calves, 4; Heifer Calves, 2; Herds, 2.

The Committee on Animals, Tenth Division award as follows:

Best Bull under three years, William M. Chapin, Sheffield, $6
2d do., Mrs. E. C. Millard, Egremont, 4
Best Cow with progeny, W. M. Chapin, Sheffield, 6
2d do., P. M. Shaylor, Lee, 5
Best two-year-old Heifer, W. M. Chapin, Sheffield, 3
Best Yearling Heifer, W. H. Gibbons, Great Barrington, 3
2d do., W. M. Chapin, Sheffield, 2
Best Bull Calf, W. M. Chapin, Sheffield, 3
2d do., E. R. Baldwin, Egremont, 2
Best Heifer Calf, W. M. Chapin, Sheffield, 3

Best specimen Stock, not less than four, W. M. Chapin, Sheffield, $8
2d do., P. M. Shaylor, Lee, 6

COMMITTEE.—John W. Clark, E. M. Langdon, J. B. Walker.

ANIMALS—ELEVENTH DIVISION.

GUERNSEY STOCK.

Whole number of entries, 4. Three-year-old Bulls and over, 1; Bulls under three years, 2; Cows and progeny, 0; two-year-old Heifers, 0; Yearling Heifers, 0; Bull Calves, 0; Heifer Calves, 0; Specimen of Stock, 1.

The Committee on Animals Eleventh Division award as follows:

Best three-year-old Bull and over, Henry De B. Schenck, Stockbridge, $8
Best Bull under three years, James H. Rowley, Egremont, 6
2d do., M. I. Wheeler. Great Barrington, 4
Best specimen of Stock not less than four. L. V. N. Blakeman, Egremont, 8

COMMITTEE.—E. Burnett, Parley A. Russell.

ANIMALS—TWELFTH DIVISION.

BOARS.

Whole number of entries, 7. Berkshire, 1; Chester, 2; Essex, 2; Poland China, 0; Suffolk, 0; Yorkshire, 1; Grade, 1.

The Committee on Animals Twelfth Division award as follows:

Best Berkshire Boar, W. H. Gibbons, Great Barrington, $5
Best Chester Boar, T. S. Baldwin, Egremont, 5
2d do., N. B. Turner, Great Barrington, 3
Best Essex Boar, M. I. Wheeler, Great Barrington, 5

A fine Yorkshire Boar pig was shown by Mason B. Kline of Egremont, which your Committee thought not old enough to take premium as a Boar. But we recommend a reserve premium for the same, $3.

COMMITTEE.—Stephen Baldwin, H. S. Chapin, Dwight Boardman.

ANIMALS—THIRTEENTH DIVISION.

SOWS AND PIGS.

Whole number of entries, 10. Berkshire, 3; Chester, 0; Essex, 2; Poland China, 0; Suffolk, 0; Yorkshire, 0; Grade, 5.

The Committee on Animals, Thirteenth Division award as follows:

Best Berkshire Sow and Pigs, Frank N. Kellogg, Sheffield, 5
2d do., W. H. Gibbons, Great Barrington, 3
Best Essex Sow and Pigs, J. L. Oberly, Egremont, 5
2d do., M. I. Wheeler, Great Barrington, 3
Best Grade Sow and Pigs, Elisha Collins, Great Barrington, 5
2d do., Joseph Ramsey, Egremont, 3

COMMITTEE.—Elisha L. Tobey, Charles O. Dewey, Ezra Best.

ANIMALS—FOURTEENTH DIVISION.

LONG WOOL SHEEP.

Whole number of entries, 6. Bucks, 2; three Ewes, 1; three Yearling Ewes, 1; three Lambs, 0; Flock of ten, 2.

The Committee on Animals, Fourteenth Division award as follows:

Best Buck, S. K. Williams, Alford, $4
2d do., O. H. Munson, Monterey, 3
Best three Ewes, O. H. Munson, Monterey, 5
Best three Yearling Ewes, O. H. Munson, Monterey, 3
Best three Lambs, O. H. Munson, Monterey, 3
2d do., Hiram Comstock, Great Barrington, 2

COMMITTEE.—Henry A. Tobey, Jerome Curtis, Charles Spur.

ANIMALS—Fifteenth Division.

SOUTH DOWN SHEEP.

Whole number of entries. 26. Bucks, 7; Ewes, 7; Yearling Ewes, 3; three Lambs, 7; Flock of ten, 2.

The Committee on Animals, Fifteenth Division award as follows:

Best Buck, William S. Wilcox, Sheffield,	$5
2d do., Hiram Dings, Alford,	4
3d do., Martin Brown. Egremont,	3
Best three Ewes, J. A. Kline, Egremont,	5
2d do., George W. Stickles, Alford,	4
3d do., R. M. Curtis, Alford,	3
Best three Yearling Ewes, G. R. Curtis, Alford,	3
2d do., Samuel Newell, Great Barrington,	2
3d do., William H. Palmer, Stockbridge,	1
Best three Lambs, J. A. Kline, Egremont,	3
2d do., William S. Wilcox, Sheffield,	2
3d do., Samuel Newell, Great Barrington,	1
Best Flock of ten, S. Newell, Great Barrington,	4
2d do., G. R. Curtis, Alford,	3

Committee.—N. B. Curtis, Henry Dresser, E. R. Baldwin.

ANIMALS—Sixteenth Division.

HAMPSHIRE DOWN SHEEP.

Whole number of entries, 16. Bucks, 5; three Ewes, 1; three Yearling Ewes, 4; three Lambs, 4; Flocks of ten. 2.

The Committee on Animals, Sixteenth Division award as follows:

Best Buck, L. K. Kline, Egremont,	$5
2d do., Charles Spur, Sheffield,	4
3d do., Pratt Tobey, Great Barrington,	3
Best three Ewes, L. K. Kline, Egremont,	5
Best three Yearling Ewes, Gilfred Smith, Great Barrington,	3
2d do., Pratt Tobey, Great Barrington,	2
3d do., L. K. Kline, Egremont,	1
Best three Lambs, Gilfred Smith, Great Barrington,	3
2d do., L. K. Kline, Egremont,	2
Best Flock of Ten, L. K. Kline, Egremont,	4
The Committee would recommend a special premium to L. K. Kline of Egremont, for a flock of very fine Imported Sheep.	5

Committee.—S. K. Williams, Edwin J. Tobey, Luther Winch.

ANIMALS—Seventeenth Division.

SHROPSHIRE DOWN SHEEP.

H. H. McAllister of Great Barrington, exhibited two Shropshire Down Bucks for exhibition only. There were no other entries.

ANIMALS—Eighteenth Division.

GRADE AND FAT SHEEP.

Whole number of entries 29, (115 head.) Three Grade Ewes, 11; three Yearling, 5; three Grade Lambs, 6; three fat Sheep, 3; Flock of ten, 4.

The Committee on Animals, Eighteenth Division award as follows:

Best three Grade Wool Ewes, George S. Day, Great Barrington,	$5
2d do., George W. Stickles, Alford,	4
3d do., T. K. Hewins, West Stockbridge.	3
Best three Grade Yearling Ewes, J. E. Turner, Great Barrington,	3
2d do., George F. Bradford, Egremont,	2
3d do., Gilfred Smith, Great Barrington,	1

Best three Grade Lambs, Charles Spur, Sheffield, $3
2d do., T. K. Hewins, West Stockbridge, 2
3d do., G. H. Bradford, Egremont, 1
Best three Fat Sheep, S. K. Williams, Alford, 4
2d do., J. H. Rowley, Egremont, 3
Best Flock of Ten, J. E. Turner, Great Barrington, 4
2d do., Martin Brown, Egremont, 3
3d do., William I. Walker. Great Barrington, 2

COMMITTEE.—E. D. Andrus, Hiram Dings, W. C. French.

ANIMALS—NINETEENTH DIVISION.

MERINOS AND FLOCKS OF SHEEP.

Whole number of entries, 14. Bucks, 5; three Ewes, 1; three Yearling Ewes, 4; three Lambs, 2; Flock of Ten, 0; Flock of Twenty, 2.

The Committee on Animals, Nineteenth Division, award as follows:

Best Merino Buck, George S. Day, Great Barrington, $5
2d do., J. H. Rowley, Egremont, 4
3d do., Martin Brown, Egremont, 2
Best three Merino Ewes, William H. Day, Great Barrington, 5
Best three Yearling Ewes, W. H. Day, Great Barrington, 3
2d do., George S. Day, Great Barrington, 2
3d do., Martin Brown, Egremont, 1
Best three Lambs, J. H. Rowley, Egremont, 3
2d do., George S. Day, Great Barrington, 2
Best Flock of Twenty Sheep, L. K. Kline, Egremont, 6
2d do., N. B. Turner, Great Barrington, 5

COMMITTEE.—Leonard Tuttle, Grove Gaylord, George F. Bradford.

ANIMALS—TWENTIETH DIVISION.

Whole number of entries, 17. Farm Horses, 10; Team Horses, 1; Carriage Horses, over $15\frac{3}{4}$ hands, 2; Carriage Horses, under $15\frac{3}{4}$ hands, 4.

The Committee on Animals, Twentieth Division, award as follows:

Best pair Farm Horses Robert Kilmer, Lee, $8
2d do., John G. Cropper, Sheffield, 7
3d do., Albert M. Dowd, Monterey, 6
4th do., William H. Hubbard, Great Barrington, 5
5th do., John R. Stanton, Sheffield, 4
6th do., N. B. Curtis, Stockbridge, 3
Best Team Horses, Eugene Miller, Egremont, 7
Best pair Carriage Horses, $15\frac{3}{4}$ hands or over, L. B. Bruise, Great Barrington, 8
2d do., J L. Conover, Egremont, 5
Best pair Carriage Horses, $15\frac{3}{4}$ hands or under, Jared Lewis, Great Barrington, 8
2d do., I. N. Tuttle, New Marlboro, 5

COMMITTEE.—Egbert L. Tuller, George D. Cutting.

ANIMALS—TWENTY-FIRST DIVISION.

Whole number of entries, 9. Sucking Colts, 1; Breeding Mares and Colts, 8.

The Committee on Animals, Twenty-First Division, award as follows:

Best Sucking Colt, Elizur Smith, Lee, $7
Best Breeding Mare and Sucking Colt, H. A. Belden, Lenox, 7
2d do., Dwight Andrews, Sheffield, 6
3d do., Warren Crissey, Great Barrington, 5
4th do., Myron Rowe, Egremont, 4

COMMITTEE.—J. A. Kline, I. N. Tuttle, W. H. Minor.

ANIMALS—Twenty-Second Division.

Whole number of entries, 19. Stallions, 7; Stud Colts, 1; Yearling Colts, 11.

The Committee on Animals, Twenty-Second Division, award as follows:

Best Stallion, W. H. Palmer, Alford,	$15
2d do., Thomas G. Sabin, Lee,	10
Best Stud Colt, Edgar M. Murphy, Great Barrington,	5
Best Yearling Colt, D. W. Merryfield, Sheffield,	5
2d do., E. Hurlburt, Great Barrington,	4
2d do., G. M. Hollenbeck, Great Barrington,	3
4th do., Warren Crissey, Great Barrington,	2
5th do., E. S. Merrell, Lee,	1

Committee.—M. Murphy, William A. Forbes, George W. Roraback, William R. Sessions.

ANIMALS—Twenty-Third Division.

Whole number of entries, 21; Two-Years-Old Colts, 7; Three-Years-Old Colts, 14.

The Committee on Animals, Twenty-Third Division, award as follows:

Best Two-Years-Old Colt, H. W. Burgett, Egremont,	$5
2d do., Garrett Burns, Stockbridge,	4
3d do., Louis Schneider, Sheffield,	3
4th do., James H. Rowley, Egremont,	2
5th Mason B. Kline, Egremont,	1
Best Three-Year-Old Colt, Thomas Moat, Lee,	5
2d do., Thomas G. Sabin, Lee,	4
3d do., Edwin Hurlburt, Great Barrington,	3
4th do., J. H. Rowley, Egremont,	2
5th do., James Kelley, Great Barrington,	1

Committee.—M. N. Decker, R. A. Potts, E. D. Humphrey.

ANIMALS—Twenty-Fourth Division.

Whole number of entries, 6. Four-year-old horses, 3; running horses, 3.

The Committee on Animals, Twenty-Fourth Division award as follows:

Best four-year-old horse, L. B. Bruise, Great Barrington,	$7
2d do., T. G. Sabin, Lee,	5
3d do., R. R. Harder, Lee,	3
Best running horse, I. N. Tuttle, New Marlboro,	6
2d do., George E. Ploss, Egremont,	5

Committee,—George H. Spurr, E. H. Husted, F. W. Heath.

ANIMALS—Twenty-Fifth Division.

Whole number of entries, 26. Pairs Driving or Road Horses, 4; Single Horses, 22.

The Committee on Animals, Twenty-Fifth Division award as follows:

Best Pair Driving or Road Horses, F. M. Dodge, Pittsfield,	$30
2d do., H. C. Phelps, Lee,	20

SUMMARY.

F. M. Dodge, "Tom Mason" and Mate,	1	1	1
H. C. Phelps, "Gertie E." and Mate,	2	2	2
Edwin Hurlburt, "Doctor" and Mate,		dr.	
M. D. Richardson, "Lady Nye" and Mate,		dr.	

Time:—3:20, 3:11½, 3.22¼.

Best Single Horse, Thomas G. Sabin, Lee, $7
2d do., E. D. Brainard, Great Barrington, 6
3d do., A. H. Stickles, West Stockbridge, 5
4th do., E. Smith Alford, 3
5th do., Lester T. Osborne, Alford, 2
COMMITTEE—F. K. Hinckley, M. S. Heath.

ANIMALS—TWENTY-SIXTH DIVISION.

Whole number of entries, 25. 2:50 Class, 4; 2:38 Class, 4; Three-Minute Class, 4; Open to All Class, 4; Foot Race, 9.

The Committee on Animals, Twenty-Sixth Division award as follows:

THREE-MINUTE CLASS.

T. G. Sabin, Lee, b. m., "Gertie E.." $15
N. H. Osborne, Great Barrington, b. m. "Nellie," 10
Dr. F. P. Whittlesey, Great Barrington, b. g., "Judge Cowles," 5
E. Hurlburt, Great Barrington, ch. m., "Glencoe Wilkes,"

SUMMARY.

"Gertie E.,"	2	1	1	2	1
"Nellie,"	1	2	2	1	2
"Judge Cowles,"	3	3	3	3	3
"Glencoe Wilkes,"			dr.		

Time. 2:53½, 2:57½, 2:55, 2:56, 2:55½.

2:50 CLASS.

M. Murphy, Pittsfield, gr. m., "Minnie," $40
F. M. Dodge, Pittsfield, b. m. "D. D.," 30
S. M. Copeland, Sharon, Ct., b. g., "Doctor," 20
H. C. Phelps, Lee, br. st., "Adirondack,"

SUMMARY.

"Minnie,"	1	1	1
"D. D.,"	3	2	2
"Doctor,"	2	3	3
"Adirondack,"	4	4	dr

Time, 2:51, 2:48, 2:48.

2:38 CLASS,

E. Hurlburt, Great Barrington, blk. g. "Preston Wilkes," $75
F. M. Dodge, Pittsfield, b. g., "Dexter H." 50
H. C. Phelps, Lee, b. g., "Frank Gilman," 30

SUMMARY.

"Preston Wilkes,"	1	1	2	1
"Dexter H.,"	2	2	1	2
"Frank Gilman,"	3	3	3	3

Time, 2:38, 2:34½, 2:41, 2:39¼.

OPEN TO ALL CLASS.

F. M. Dodge, Pittsfield, ch. m. "Lizzie O'Brien," $100
F. S. Gross, Lee, blk. g. "Village Boy," 65
H. C. Phelps, Lee, b. g., "Frank Gilman," 35
E. Hurlburt, Great Barrington, blk. g.. "Preston Wilkes,"

SUMMARY.

"Lizzie O'Brien,"	1	1	1
"Village Boy,"	2	2	2
"Frank Gilman,"	3	3	3
"Preston Wilkes,"			dr

Time, 2:36¼. 2:32½. 2:33.

FOOT RACE.

Allen Daniels, Lee,	$4
Pat. Welsh, West Stockbridge,	3
Edward Whitney, West Otis,	2
W. Morrison, Sheffield,	1

Eighty rods, Single Dash. Time, 59 seconds.

POTATO RACE.

W. Morrison, Sheffield,	$5
E. Whitney, West Otis,	4
W. Oles, West Otis,	3
D. Massey, Sheffield,	2
A. Whitney, West Otis,	1

COMMITTEE.—Parley A. Russell, J. A. Tanner, J. M. Benjamin.

ANIMALS—TWENTY-SEVENTH DIVISION—LADIES' DRIVING.

Number of entries, 7.

Your Committee in making their report, do not forget the Chairman of the Committee of this Division of last year, whose presence from the Fair we miss, and whose warm heart gave expression in a hearty hand-shake, and so we miss him, "Marshall Warner." Your Committee on Ladies' Driving attended to the duties assigned them, on receiving the book found eight entries, but only five answered to the roll call. After testing their horsemanship in various ways, your Committee would recommend that instead of the "last performance" of the day, that more time and money be given this Division, and in addition to what has been required that they unharness their horses, and harness again and place before the wagon alone, and thus impress our young ladies with the necessity of understanding how to harness their own horse, if the fathers are busy with their farm duties.

The Committee on Animals, Twenty-Seventh Division award as follows:

First Premium, Miss Mary Hulett, Sheffield,	$5
2d do., Miss Anna Markham, Sheffield,	4
3d do., Miss Ellen C. Bossidy, Lee,	3

COMMITTEE.—H. T. Cande, E. S. Curtis, Loomis Joyner.

POULTRY—FIRST DIVISION.

Whole number of entries, 76.

The Committee on Poultry, First Division, award as follows:

Best B. B. Red Game Bantams, Miss Georgie Kellogg, Sheffield,	$2
2d do., Frank Strevell, Great Barrington,	1
Best Silver Duckwing Game Bantams, Miss Georgie Kellogg, Sheffield,	2
Best Rose Comb White African Bantams, Pratt Tobey, Great Barrington,	2
Best Japan Bantams, Mason B. Kline, Egremont,	2
Best Bolton Greys, Elisha Collins, Great Barrington,	2
Best Light Brahmas, R. H. Holmes, Sheffield,	2
2d do., Adelbert Dings, Alford,	1
Best Black Cochins, Adelbert Dings, Alford,	2
2d do., Bertie Greattrax, Egremont,	1
Best Buff Cochins, Marcus A. Dearing, Great Barrington.	2
2d do., A. Bradley & Son, Lee,	1
Best Creeper Chicks, M. S. Heath, Stockbridge,	2
Best American Dominiques, Mason B. Kline, Egremont,	2

Best Colored Dorkings, Adelbert Dings, Alford,	$2
Best B. B. Red Games, A. C. Bowen, Sheffield,	2
2d do., J. Q. A. Race, Great Barrington,	1
Best Brown B. Red Game, A. C. Bowen, Sheffield,	2
Best Red Pile Game, A. C. Bowen, Sheffield,	2
2d do., J. Q. A. Race, Great Barrington,	1
Best Ginger B. Red Game, A. C. Bowen, Sheffield,	2
Best Heatherwood, A. C. Bowen, Sheffield,	2
2d do., J, Q. A. Race, Great Barrington,	1
Best Golden Duckwing, J. Q. A. Race, Great Barrington,	2
2d do., A. C. Bowen, Sheffield,	1
Best Salisbury Greys, A. C. Bowen, Sheffield,	1
Best Black Spangles, A. C. Bowen, Sheffield,	2
Best Silver Spangled Hamburgs, A. Dings, Alford,	2
2d do., M. B. Kline, Egremont,	1
Best Black Hamburgs, M. B. Kline, Egremont,	2
Best Golden Hamburgs, M. B. Kline, Egremont,	2
Best Silver Penciled Hamburgs, M. B. Kline, Egremont,	1
Best Houdans, M. B. Kline, Egremont,	2
Best Brown Leghorns, J. A. Kline, Egremont,	2
2d do., J. P. Ballard, Alford,	1
Best Black Leghorns, M. B Kline, Egremont,	2
Best Langshangs M. B. Kline, Egremont,	2
Best White Leghorns, M. B. Kline, Egremont.	2
2d do., Russell Dewey, Sheffield,	2
3d do., Adelbert Dings, Alford,	1
Best Plymouth Rocks, M. B. Kline, Egremont,	2
2d do., Bradley Brothers, Lee,	1
Best Black White Crested Polish, William H. Palmer, Stockbridge,	2
Best Golden Polish, Leroy E. Tobey, Alford,	2
2d do., Clarence Rowe, Alford,	1
Best Black Spanish, J. P. Ballard, Alford,	2
Best General Collection, M. B. Kline, Egremont,	5
2d do., Adelbert Dings, Alford,	3

COMMITTEE.—B. F. White, J. W. Blake, Joseph A. Ramsey.

POULTRY—SECOND DIVISION.

Whole number of entries, 31.

The Committee on Poultry, Second Division, award as follows :

Best Turkeys, F. N. Kellogg, Sheffield,	$3
2d do., Adelbert Dings, Alford,	2
3d do., James Decker, Sheffield,	1
Best Brown China Geese, A. Dings, Alford,	3
2d do., A. H. Alexander, New Marlboro,	2
3d do., (Toulouse) C. W. Merryfield, Sheffield,	1
Best White Bremen Geese, Seneca Nodine, Great Barrington,	1
Best Rouen Ducks, F. N. Kellogg, Sheffield,	2
2d do., Elisha Collins, Great Barrington,	1
Best Pekin Ducks, Fred Korff, Great Barrington,	2
2d do., D. W. Merryfield, Sheffield,	1
3d do., Fred Benedict, Monterey,	2
4th do., Mary Hulett, Sheffield.	1
Best Guineas, William Ford, Sheffield,	2
Best pair Turtle Doves, Marcus A. Dearing, Great Barrington,	1
Pair Doves, William H. Palmer, Stockbridge,	1
Pair Doves, Harry E. Scott, Sheffield,	1
Best Fantail Pigeons, M. A. Dearing, Great Barrington,	1
2d do., Russell Dewey, Sheffield,	1

Parrots, Master Harry Quackenboss, Great Barrington, $1
Magpie, Marcus A. Dearing, Great Barrington. 1
Guineas, Miss Martha Leavitt, Great Barrington, 1

COMMITTEE.—Charles L. Shaw, E. Van Deusen, C. F. Holmes.

ORCHARDS.

Whole number of entries, 2. Pears, 2.
Best Pear Orchard, Dr. C. E. Heath, Lee, $10

COMMITTEE.—Reuben R. Brewer, Abner Roys.

FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

THIRTEENTH INSTITUTE.

The thirteenth Farmers' Institute of the Housatonic Agricultural Society was held in the Town Hall, Friday, February 23. Both sessions were quite well attended by farmers from Sheffield, Egremont and Great Barrington, only a few others coming from other towns. President Kellogg opened the discussion on sorghum, and mentioned several manufactories that are successfully making sorghum molasses and sugar, especially the Rio Grande works in New Jersey, that cultivate 1,000 acres of land, and raise their own cane. He called to mind Dr. Blackwell's statement to the State Board of Agriculture, that cane is worth to the farmer $2.50 per ton where there is a mill to take it. There are 50 varieties of sorghum cane, the best being the amber and the orange. The Rio Grande works made from 6,000 tons of cane 950 barrels of sugar and 1,100 barrels of syrup, 50 gallons to the barrel. From an article in Bradstreet's it appeared that from 3½ to 17 tons can be raised on an acre, the usual crop being 10 to 12 tons.

Merritt I. Wheeler of Great Barrington, delegate to the State Board of Agriculture, reviewed the question of State bounty for raising sorghum, and in connection with it, said that the Housatonic Agricultural Society had discontinued the premiums for sugar beets because it was thought hopeless to encourage the making of beet sugar here. Sorghum was said to be as good as corn fodder and ensilage.

President Kellogg, said that he had raised a crop of sorghum, and found the tillage easy and the work light. A mill was then in existence in a neighboring town, for the making of molasses, but that which he received in exchange for his cane, was so poor that it was not worth while to raise the cane.

M. S. Bidwell of Monterey, said that he, also, had raised sorghum and tried it as fodder, but his cattle would not eat it if they could get corn stalks or hay. He had cut it up and fed, green and cured, to horses, but it was inferior to corn stalks.

Levi Beebe of Great Barrington, was another who had tried this crop for fodder, but his experience was the same as Mr. Bidwell's. He was opposed to all State bounties, and believed that instead of increasing taxation, the State

government should reduce it, especially that part of it that bears so heavily upon farmers. He had raised beets with small labor, getting a bushel of them from ground four feet square, at a cost of not over three cents.

Alfred Peck of Great Barrington, questioned if the prosperity of the beet sugar industry in France was owing to bounties offered by the first Napoleon, and M. I. Wheeler said that it was. Beet sugar cost eighty cents per pound in France in 1811, and now she stands first in the world in cheap beet sugar.

Mr. Beebe regarded the beet crop as the best root crop for stock purposes, and the cost of raising was small, if not hoed too much.

Joseph A. Kline of Egremont, raised 600 bushels of beets on a half acre last fall, and said that the stock farmer should raise beets. He fertilized the half acre with dirt from under a stable floor; and 400 pounds each of phosphate and salt. He feeds six quarts of beets and four quarts of a mixture of cob meal, wheat, shorts, rye and oats, to each cow once a day, besides hay and straw twice a day.

G. H. Wheeler, of Monterey, liked carrots better than any other root crop.

President Kellogg preferred to feed mangolds for quantity of milk. He raises beets on land used for tobacco in the previous year, and needs little or no fertilizer.

W. H. Day of Great Barrington, said that he had experimented with his milch cows in feeding beets with grain. The extra amount of milk obtained made the beets worth nine cents a bushel to him. Also, hay cut in the last of June made three quarts of milk more per cow, than hay cut late in August.

Mr. Beebe thought that moderate feeding of roots was best, for a great quantity of them make's the cow's blood thin. They were appetisers and made digestion thorough.

Lester T. Osborne of Alford, got the best results from his milch cows by feeding meal, one-third oats and two-thirds corn, two quarts night and morning, and by cutting his grass from the last of June to the middle of July.

M. I. Wheeler was of the opinion that farmers' experiments were worthless for want of exactness, and from failure to take into account all elements. He thought that hay has the most nutriment when grass is cut at the maturity of the seed. When roots are feed, cattle eat just as much hay as they do without them, and in this Mr. Day concurred, though Mr. Bidwell declared that a cow will eat two tons of hay in a season without roots, while one and a half tons are sufficient with them.

At noon a bountiful collation was served in the hall, provided by the attendant farmers. Twenty or thirty ladies were also present and social enjoyment reigned for two hours, while all were waiting for the arrival of John E. Russell, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, who had been detained in Lee.

Secretary Russell was on the stage soon after lunch, and greatly entertained the meeting with an address of a kind rarely listened to. His address was eloquent, classical, Biblical, agricultural, spicy, humorous, statistical and practical. It was so pleasing that the farmers were loth to let him stop. He expressed his regret that the Institutes in Western Massachusetts had not become more popular, but said that he stood before the largest one he had seen in this part of the state. The Institutes of the Berkshire Society at Pittsfield were almost a failure. In speaking of Agriculture, he remarked among notable men rising

from the anvil and the cobbler's bench we never hear of their returning to them again. But among agriculturists how many return to smell the mother earth. He instanced Cincinnatus, Scipio, Virgil in the Georgics. George Washington, who was a farmer as well as father of his country, Daniel Webster, who after a six months visit to the British Islands, spoke only of what he saw of farming there. The agriculture of Massachusetts brought in $41,000,000 in 1875, only exceeded by the leather or cotton interest that year. It was the support of 44,000 families. Massachusetts farms are worth on an average $4,000, and there is no one who has so much comfort and revenue from such a small capital as a farmer.

No one should buy a farm on credit. Better work for wages than a money lender. Nor should a farmer work to "save up money." He should put the profits of his farm into it again, by both tillage and fertilizing. The farmer who neglects these things, that he may get four per cent. on his money, is getting cents when he might be getting dollars.

If he puts $100 in the savings bank he may get $4 a year from it, about equal to four pounds of butter if sold to the rich, or a small pig, or a calf a few days old without a pedigree. With the $100 he might buy improved machinery, or make needed improvements, or buy improved live stock that would bring him in many times the interest.

Keep the money out of the savings bank and go into partnership with Divine Providence in the only bank that the farmer ought to think of, the bank of the soil.

Another farmer's vice was that of trying to own too much land. It is in our blood, for we are the descendants of land robbers. It reminded the speaker of the New Hampshire farmer who wanted to own all the land that "j'ined" him. There is no one man in the state who has talent enough to thoroughly and properly farm more than 40 acres. So long as one ton of hay is the average product per acre in this state, farmers had better give more attention to that acre.

Referring to the relative profits of Eastern and Western farming, Secretary Russell said that farmers and their sons in the East were enticed away by the vast agricultural domains of the West, but that they were leaving a soil more profitable under intelligent cultivation, and better homes than they found in the West. Corn can be grown as well in Massachusetts as in any state. Corn from Illinois isn't worth as much as the cob meal from corn grown in this state. This is a fact, and chemical analysis proves it. A farmer in Royalston was selling wheat straw, for $22 per ton to a pail manufactory, and raised 29 bushels of wheat per acre, while in the same season a Dakota acre produced but 19 bushels and the straw was worth nothing. The farming of the West was nothing but a "skin" farming, and it is already becoming a rotation of diversified crops upon farms decreasing in size.

Secretary Russell expressed a willingness to answer any questions, and was asked if he thought Massachusetts farmers should raise corn instead of putting their fertilizers on grass land. He replied that he believed in diversified farming, and that the quantity of each crop depends upon the kinds and fitness of the land for it. Don't haul manure far from the barn yard. Put it near by and use commercial fertilizers on the distant land, particularly if the land is hilly. It costs too much to carry a load of manure very far, when only ten per cent. of it consists of fertilizing elements.

He had previously said that an acre of corn can be raised for $8 for labor, and

was asked how it could be done. He answered that the husking was not taken into account, but that that could be done at times in rainy and cold weather when there was no other work. The cultivation of the crop should be done with a cultivator and "an old mare." Farmers have made no improvement in raising corn since the time when Indian squaws did the work, except in the agricultural implements, and they were still hilling up the corn as the squaws did. Use cultivators and hang up the hoe.

As for ensilage Secretary Russell believed that it should be fed with grain, hay, etc., but it is all nonsense to claim that ensilage alone is a sufficient food for cattle. It will not take the place of any thing unless the root crops. It is not as profitable a crop as corn nor as good a food for cattle in any respect. So far as roots are concerned, they are about as nutritious as so much water.

Rev. Robert Bennett of North Egremont, made a few remarks and the meeting adjourned, being the largest one that has yet been held, and having 300 to 400 persons present.

FOURTEENTH INSTITUTE.

The discussion at the Fourteenth Institute of the Housatonic Agricultural Society was opened Friday by President Kellogg of Sheffield, who talked of that part of "Horticulture," one of the subjects of the meeting, concerned with the raising of strawberries. He also read a report of an address by Marshall P. Wilder relative to these berries.

A thorough review of berry and fruit raising was given by Ralph Little of Sheffield, than whom no other in the south part of this county has a more intelligent understanding of the subject. Mr. Little has been noted for years as a successful fruit grower and gardener, and his remarks were heard with great attention and interest. When he first began to raise strawberries he said that he had used barnyard manure, but it was so full of seeds of grass and weeds that it was difficult to keep them from choking the life out of the strawberry plants. He next used other fertilizers—ashes, lime, salt, liquid manure, etc. He always saves everything that can be used as a fertilizer. The hill system of cultivating the plants was tried, but it was unsatisfactory, because it left the berries more exposed to birds, and when a plant died there was too much unused space until another plant could be grown to take its place. Besides, they must be constantly watched or they will run together.

Mr. Little now uses the fertilizers last mentioned and cultivates the plants in matted rows. The rows of old plants are cut out with a spade and, their runners having been allowed to grow, there is left in the former vacant spaces between them a row of new plants ready to bear fruit when the old plants are cut out. This Mr. Little calls the slip-shod method, and he considers it the best way to raise a good crop of strawberries with the least labor. He hoes and pulls out all grass and weeds so that the beds are entirely free of them. He has a bed of strawberries, renewed with plants as above described, that was started ten years ago, and he expects that it will last at least ten years more. He cuts out old plants all times of the year, except when they are bearing fruit. White grubs

troubled him seriously on newly broken greensward, but he saw nothing of them in old ground. Mr. Little reads agricultural papers thoroughly, but he declares that three-fourths of what they contain about strawberries are fallacious. He does not mulch much, using for that purpose a few leaves. The soil is loosened with a hook.

The quince, Mr. Little said, will take a higher cultivation than any other fruit. The soil around the roots should be loosened with a hook, but never with a hoe, spade or plow. Coal ashes and straw should be used to keep down the weeds and make the ground moist.

The pear tree should simply be fed with fertilizers; the tree should be allowed to stand firm and the roots should not be disturbed. Slacked lime is good for trees suffering with the blight. Pear trees treated in this way do ten times better than those that are neglected, as Mr. Little knows by actual test.

Mr. Little had just branched off into the raising of hens, when he was cut off with a flood of questions on the raising of strawberries, pears, etc. In response to them he said that wood ashes should not be used to fertilize strawberry plants in a clay soil. That soil is already too hard and it should be loosened, instead of made harder by ashes. Mulching is the proper way to treat such soil. He did but little mulching in winter; used a few leaves. He had used boards between the rows of strawberries, but they were unsatisfactory and were not used after the first trial.

Alfred Peck, proprietor of the Collins House, testified to the excellence of Mr. Little's strawberries.

President Kellogg said that a man in Sheffield had mulched a strawberry bed with tobacco stems and with the greatest success. Mr. Little objected that with such a mulch it is impossible to get at the weeds.

Merritt I. Wheeler, delegate to the State Board of Agriculture, said a fellow member had stated at one of the meetings of the board, that one of his neighbors had raised 160 strawberry plants from the seeds, and the next season obtained a quart from each plant, a remarkable experiment considering the time occupied. Mr. Wheeler's father was the first one to raise strawberries in Great Barrington, fifty years ago. He used plaster, one season, for fertilizer, but had no berries. Strawberry plants need to be fed with alkali, hence the value of ashes, tobacco stems, etc. Mr. Wheeler said that he prefers to set out new plants on new ground every two years, instead of pursuing Mr. Little's method of renewing the beds of plants. He would not get plants from an old bed but would buy them from a strawberry plant grower.

Mr. Wheeler was erroneously reported to have maintained, at the last Institute, that grass is most nutritious if cut at the maturity of the seed. Instead of this, he quoted an agriculturist as saying that grass should be cut when the seed begins to form.

William H. Burget of Great Barrington asked if any one present knew why the Flemish Beauty pear cracks, and if there is any remedy for it. Ralph Little said that he had many Flemish Beauty pear trees, but the pears cracked so that he grafted the trees with Bartletts. There was no other remedy. Rev. Robert Bennett of North Egremont, questioned if the Flemish Beauty would grow well on any but damp soil. E. W. B. Canning of Stockbridge, replied that he has raised this pear on gravelly soil for many years and the fruit had not cracked.

Merrick G. Hall of Great Barrington raises this pear also, but the pears crack and he means to graft in some other pear. He has been a very successful pear raiser and always feeds the trees well with the best fertilizers.

Rev. Robert Bennett was called upon to impart some information regarding horticulture. Mr. Bennett has much practical knowledge and as he always talks to the point, his remarks were very much enjoyed. He said that it was impossible for a perambulating preacher to do much at raising fruit. He wanted to introduce a new subject and that was gooseberry culture. Instead of puny bushes with small berries seen here, we might have trees bearing berries as large as bantam's eggs. His father had raised a bushel and a half on one gooseberry tree on his farm in England, and his brother, by fertilizing with bullock's blood and by picking all but three berries on one tree, had raised a gooseberry as large around his wrist. If the bushes are troubled with a mildew, a mulch will kill it. Celery was another plant to which he had given much attention. The standard kind is best, instead of the hollow kind, and the best of the standard is Carter's Incomparable Dwarf. He had seen a celery plant in England weighing $7\frac{3}{4}$ pounds, all clean and white and delicious to eat.

Ralph Little said that he had tried the raising of gooseberries and found them superior to cranberries as a rich tart. His berries were as large as hickory nuts, and devoid of prickers.

Sheldon W. Wright of New Marlboro said that he was something of a fruit raiser, but he could say that in the trimming of apple trees the limbs should be taken out of the center. The tree should not be allowed to grow up like a pole.

George W. Parrish of West Stockbridge, one of the most thoroughly informed fruit raisers in the county, talked upon the soils needed for each kind of apple and for several other fruits, upon grafting, upon feeding the trees, etc. Boiling water, he said, is good to kill the eggs of the borer, when found around the tree. Lime will keep borers away but will not kill them. W. H. Day of Great Barrington questioned if pear trees should be trimmed. Mr. Parrish replied that they might be trimmed sparingly and then from the center.

A generous collation was then served, after which, Arthur A. Smith of Coleraine, a member of the Board of Agriculture, read an essay on "Sheep Husbandry," which awakened much interest. Mr. Smith raises early lambs for the Boston market and with this subject his essay was mainly concerned. Most of the early lambs in that market come from Franklin county, but the market is not half supplied. The best lambs for this purpose are bred by a pure Southdown ram and an American Merino ewe. Let each ewe raise only one lamb. The ram is turned among the ewes about August 1st, and the early lambs are considered those that are dropped in December, January, and before the middle of February. By the middle of April to the middle of May a lamb should weigh from 50 to 90 pounds. He had one 60 days old last year that weighed 72 pounds.

The profits of this business, Mr. Smith figures as follows: Fifty ewes, at $5 each, are worth $250; the extra feed for early lambing is $1 per head, $50; the feed for 50 lambs cost $2.50 each, $125; Total costs $425. The ewes are worth at the end of the season $5 each, $250; 50 lambs of 60 pounds each are worth by the middle of April to the middle of May $10 each on the average, $500; deduct for commission, transportation, etc., 75 cents for each lamb, $37.50. Total returns, $712.50. Total profits for the fifty lambs, $287.50 or $5.75 each.

FIFTEENTH INSTITUTE.

The Fifteenth Farmers' Institute of the Society was held in the Town Hall of Great Barrington on Thursday, Nov. 15th. The meeting was largely attended, and included many prominent and enterprising agriclturalists, and quite a number of ladies.

President Kellogg in announcing the first topic of discussion to be Milk production, read the following item :

"There are nearly $2,000,250,000 invested in the dairying business in the country, said an officer of the Erie Milk Producers' Association; 'That amount is almost double the money invested in banking and comm rcial industries. It is estimated that it requires 15,000,000 cows to supply the demand for milk and its products in the United States. To feed these cows 60,000,000 acres of land are under cultivation. The agricultural and dairy machinery nd implements in use are worth over $200,000,000. The men employed in the business number 700,000, and the horses nearly 1,000,000. The cows and horses consume annually 30,000,000 tons of hay, nearly 90,000,000 bushels of corn meal, about the same amount of oatmeal, 275,000,000 bushels of oats, 2,000,000 bushels of bran, and 30,000,000 bushels of corn, to say nothing of the brewery grains and questionable feed of various kinds that is used to a great extent. It costs $400,000,000 to feed these cows and horses. The average price paid to the laborers necessary in the dairy business is probably $20 a month, amounting to $168,000,000 a year."

"The average cow yields about 450 gallons of milk a year, giving a total product of 6,750,000,000 gallons. Twelve cents a gallon is a fair price to estimate the value of this milk at a total return to the diary farmer of $810,000,000. Fifty per cent. of the milk is made into cheese and butter. It takes 27 pounds of milk to make one pound of butter, and about 10 pounds of milk to make one pound of cheese. There is the same amount of nutrition in 3½ pounds of milk that there is in one pound of beef. A fat steer furnishes 50 per cent. of boneless beef, but it would require about 24,000,000 steers, weighing 1,500 pounds each, to produce the same amount of nutrition as the annual milk product does."

Henry Noble of Pittsfield, a member of the Board of Agriculture, took the lead in a discussion on the diary, principally the producing of milk for sale. There are three branches to this industry: Milk for market; butter and cheese ; veal.

Raising veal is profitable, said Mr. Noble, and is the best thing that can be done with the dairy when the farmer lives convenient to market. One cow ought to bring in $75 to $85 in seven or eight months. A man near Pittsfield puts seven veal calves on one cow in a year. In Franklin county they go farther and, after the calf has suckled for four to five weeks he is taught to eat corn meal, so that he soon lives on it altogether, and the cow takes another calf in his place.

Butter and cheese making pays better when the farmer can leave his milk at a creamery, or uses the best apparatus in making butter and cheese himself. He then saves the butter-milk, whey and skim milk, which are worth to him for use on the farm one cent a quart.

Coming to the selling of milk, Mr. Noble gave a chemical analysis of the fluid, showing its different constituents—caseine, salts, water, fat, nitrogen, etc. Logically following from this the way to produce milk is to feed to cattle the food that contains the most of these parts. The cow should have an abundance of pure, healthy water, when she wants it. If fed on dry food water is needed twice a day ; if on steamed or moist food, or ensilage, once a day, and in both instances the water should not be cold.

To make the caseine in milk, bean meal is the best; other excellent foods for this purpose are peas, cotton seed meal, bran. Sugar of milk is supplied by whatever contains sugar—fodder corn, beets, turnips and other roots containing sugar. Phosphate of lime comes from ground bone, fed either dry or indirectly by application to the land.

A young calf fed from milk deficient in this important ingredient will be weakly. Common coarse-fine Onondaga salt should be fed, the best way being to put it daily in the food, but twice a week separate from food will do. He feeds less than a handful at a time twice a week. If fed only once a week, they will eat too much. Mr. Noble's experiments show that scant salt feeding decreases the quantity of milk. Saltpetre should be fed occasionally as a preventative against garget. A great spoonful of saltpetre given three successive days will cure that disease. Use white paint also externally. Garget comes from high feeding, and we never hear of a poorly fed cow being troubled with it

Mr. Noble tried feeding steamed food fifteen years ago, keeping a strict account for two years, but the experiment was costly and he soon gave it up. With it, however, a ton of grain lasted seventeen days, while it lasted but twelve days before, and there was a slight gain in milk. Feeding wet grain is good if warm water is used; otherwise it is better to feed dry, as he does now. His cattle are are now fed as follows: Thirty pounds of ensilage in the morning, grain at noon, hay at night. The noon feeding consists of corn seed meal, two quarts of corn meal, and about three quarts of wheat middlings, or four to five quarts of bran. The quantity of corn meal could be doubled, but one quart of cotton seed meal is quite enough, as it is loosening in its qualities. He considers manure from cows fed in this manner worth more than in any other way. This is the cost of a cow's food for one day: About eight and one-half pounds of grain, worth thirteen cents, and twenty pounds of hay worth ten cents, making twenty-three cents.

Mr. Noble thus determined at what price per quart a farmer can produce milk: From one year's experiment in keeping twelve cows, his object being to get as much milk as possible regardless of quality, he got an average of seven quarts from each. The next year another man got five quarts. It costs $46 to keep a cow with stable feeding for two hundred days at 23 cents a day, and $19.80 more for the remaining 165 days of pasturage and sowed corn feeding, at twelve cents a day, making the yearly cost $65.80. Producing seven quarts a day for a year the cow's milk costs $102.20, or 2 57-100 cents a quart. The item of manure and several small items are left out of account. Mr. Noble sells all his milk in Pittsfield at five and six cents a quart. While this computation is for a full year, the cow should rest for two months.

A dairy farm should increase its capacity every year. Mr. Noble instanced a farm that he sold to his son some years ago. It could then only support twelve cows, next year another cow was added, and another the third year, two more the fourth, until now the same farm supports 21 cows as well as it did the twelve at first.

Many questions were asked of Mr. Noble by M. S. Bidwell and George H. Wheeler of Monterey, Zacheus Cande, H. T. Cande, and Leonard Tuttle of Sheffield, L. T. Osborne of Alford, I. D. W. Baldwin and J. A. Kline of Egremont, and many others.

At special request Mr. Noble gave his experience with ensilage. He is not an

enthusiast in its use, but said that it is good to make if the farm and stock are adapted to the use, the inference being that it makes a good flow of milk of average quality. The first year he sowed 14 acres, filled two silos, and had about half left. He then made a large wooden silo in one corner of his barn at a cost of $25, and filled that, the remainder be buried in a hole in the ground. He fed from the latter until frost, then the barn silo, and finally from the other, the last one from May to August, finding all in good condition. At first he fed two bushels, but found it too much. He found an increase of milk, but not as much as from grain. It can be put in for $2.40 per ton. The corn should be sowed in drills, and not hilled, plow it straight, and manure as for heavy corn. Stowell's Evergreen is better than Southern corn. He plants and cultivates his corn with horses, and has got 31½ tons of ensilage from an acre, thirteen tons being a good yield. From two acres of cabbage, last year, he sold $200 worth of cabbages, and fed the outer leaves to his cattle, feeding once a day after morning feeding. Black pepper thrown on the young plant will keep off worms. He has the best luck with greensward and would not use old land. The cabbage plants should be set a foot apart, or if the large kind, two by three feet. Put the land in ridges, then roll flat and set the plants.

The meeting then adjourned while an excellent collation was served in the hall, after which Mr. John E. Russell, Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, who had been present during the morning session, addressed the meeting for two hours or more, receiving the closest attention from all present. He spoke first of the subject discussed in the morning, agreeing with many of the ideas advanced by Mr. Noble, but disapproving some of them. When asked regarding cultivated grass, he said he considers it the best of any crop to produce. Thinks it best to plough up every four years, but different soils require different treatment. He considers grass better to seed with corn than oats. With the last cultivating he seeds with grass; clover is good. He thinks some artificial manures good to use with barn-yard manures. If grass seed cannot be got in before the 20th of September, he prefers to leave it till just before freezing up for the winter. He recommends rye hay for sheep. They like it and will eat it all. He was frequently interrupted by questions and discussions. Mr. Russell is a ready talker with a mind quick and humorous, yet full of sober common sense, and his talk abounds in many strong points drawn from full information. To do him justice a short-hand report of what he says should be given. He talked upon many aspects of the dairy, and had spirited discussions with I. D. W. Baldwin, L. K. Kline, Mr. Byington, James Bullard, Mr. Noble, Patrick Bossidy, Cyrus French, John D. Noxon, Zacheus Cande, Lester T. Osborne, Rev. Robert Bennett, who talks very entertainingly upon agriculture, and many others, and the meeting broke up at a late hour.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

W. W. LANGDON, SUPERINTENDENT,

IN ACCOUNT WITH HOUSATONIC AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

DR.

To Money Received as Rent of Stalls and Privileges on Fair Grounds.

Mrs. Karner,	$65 00	George Mathson,	$5 00
M. G. Adams,	65 00	N. P. Sears,	3 00
F. Cross,	3 00	A. J. Hollenbeck,	4 00
Thomas Norton,	70 00	Auguste Foubert,	3 00
Marcus A. Dearing	30 00	Fred Schmeltz,	1 00
Andrew Corcoran,	30 00	T. O'Brien,	3 00
William Holmes,	15 00	Will Hadley,	5 00
W. W. Langdon,	12 00	M. Cohen,	4 00
Henry Snyder,	15 00	Frank Allen,	4 00
C. B. Ford,	15 00	C. H. Garry,	1 00
John Van Deusen,	10 00	James Shultz,	2 00
O. P. Gillette,	14 00	Lewis Soncy,	2 00
Charles Dakin,	10 00	N. Dorsey,	2 50
Wilson Hayes,	8 00	William Williams,	2 00
William E. Derrigan,	7 00	A. H. Vining,	2 00
Charles Wagoner,	13 00	A. K. Davis,	1 50
James Dunn,	4 00	Nelson Elsworth,	4 00
George Lawrence,	20 00	Thomas Bruen,	2 00
L. B. Jenks,	30 00	Thomas Barnes,	4 00
Bernard Almonte,	12 00	W. H. Beach,	1 00
John Purcell,	5 00	H. S. Streeter,	3 00
Weeks & Field,	5 00	William Farle,	1 00
A. P. Shaw,	4 00	Albert White,	2 00
C. Ingraham,	3 00	V. H. Rickor,	2 00
S. Pierce,	3 50	John Brien,	1 00
D. F. Knight,	6 00	A. J. Gilmore,	2 00
C. Todd,	2 00	H. Chapin,	2 00
Jacob Moore,	5 00	W. B. Bliss,	10 00
Jacob C. Snyder,	5 00	E. L. Barnum,	8 00
G. W. Groat,	7 00	W. H. Towne,	20 00
M. Luther,	5 00	Austin Hatch,	6 00
David McAuliffe,	12 00	Patrick Larkin,	4 00
C. Pattison,	10 00	Lyman Brusie,	15 00
D. J. Dorsey,	5 00	E. E. Barnes,	10 00
C. H. Colby,	8 00	L. B. Brusie,	17 00
C. C. Fuller,	3 00	J. G. Adams,	6 00
Charles B. Bennett,	4 00	Manuel F. Mason,	20 00
William Carver,	5 00	T. Dorcey,	6 00
F. J. Burlingham,	5 00	Jacob Doll,	10 00
C. W. Pease,	7 00	James Kennedy,	7 00
M. G. Copley,	2 00	Henry Scutt,	8 00

J. A. Cole,	$3 00	James Johns,	$4 00
H. M. Husted,	1 00	D. McAuliffe,	25 00
Nelson Towne,	3 00	Smith & Sullivan,	5 00
D. Golsam,	3 00	Frank E. Parker,	12 00
F. Brewer,	2 50	J. M. Haydon,	10 00
John Peters,	2 50	Michael McDonald,	9 00
P. Van Ness,	1 00	John Buckley,	6 00
Andrew Hendee,	5 00	George Owens,	6 00
Wilbur Bristol,	5 00		
			$876 50

To Cash Received as follows:

Levi Huntley, house-rent to April 1, 1884,	$ 70 00
Noah Osborne, Grass,	118 00
J. Sisson, Grass,	20 00
	$208 00

W. W. LANGDON, Superintendent.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JANUARY, 1884.

FRANK H. WRIGHT, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH HOUSATONIC AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY. DR.

To Cash in Treasury, January, 1883,	$ 537 06
To Cash from Old Members, yearly dues,	1,252 00
To Cash from Old Members, arrears,	34 00
To Cash from New Members, Stock,	33 34
To Cash from New Members, Ordinary,	192 00
To Cash from Admissions,	2,173 72
To Casn from Season Tickets,	211 50
To Cash from Grand Stand,	116 30
To Cash from three Members on withdrawal,	3 00
To Cash from W. W. Langdon, Superintendent, as per statement,	1,084 50
To Cash from Secretary, entry fees for Trotting Horses,	152 50
To Cash from State Treasurer,	600 00
To Cash from exchange on Silver,	43 50
	$6,433 42

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. CR.

By paid George Kellogg,	$10 00
paid J. A. Kline,	10 00
paid M. I. Wheeler,	7 50
paid George H. Wheeler,	10 00
paid L. P. Keyes,	10 00
paid H. W. Smith,	10 00
paid F. K. Hinckley,	10 00
paid F, A. Palmer,	8 00
paid E. M. Washburn,	8 00
paid Isaac Spurr,	2 00
	$85 50

COMMITTEES.

By paid William W. Norton, Gardens,	$24 00
paid Cora A. Potts, Gardens,	14 00
paid Mrs. M. E. Cowles, Gardens,	13 20
paid R. R. Brewer, Orchards and Reclaimed Lands,	4 00
paid H. Roys, Orchards and Reclaimed Lands,	4 00
paid A. Roys, Orchards,	6 00
paid L. P. Keyes, Orchards,	4 00
paid G. H. Kirby, Crops,	72 00
paid P. M. Shaylor, Crops,	72 00
paid E. L. Heath, Crops,	48 00
paid Grove Gaylord, Crops,	42 00
paid J. N. Warner, Orchards, 1882,	9 00
paid George S. Day, Orchards, 1882,	9 00
paid Sarah J. Boardman, Orchards, 1882,	10 50
	$331 70

ORATOR AND MUSIC.

By paid William H. Brewer,	$55 00
paid Germania Band,	75 00
paid Stockbridge Band,	40 00
paid Monterey Band,	40 00
	$210 00

LABOR ON GROUNDS, MATERIALS, REPAIRS, &c.

By paid Jedediah Sisson, for labor	$106 20
paid J. H. O'Connell, blacksmith,	1 75
paid George A. Stevens, for lumber,	106 80
paid John Brewer & Sons,	183 86
paid W. W. Langdon, tile and labor,	37 63
paid James H. Adams, labor,	4 00
paid W. W. Langdon, Superintendent's salary,	75 00
paid Edward Manville, Assistant Superintendent's salary,	9 00
paid Levi S. Huntley, for labor,	67 62
paid Henry Snyder, for labor,	59 15
paid F. L. Bristol, for labor,	45 50
paid James B. Alger, for labor,	18 37
paid Frank Jaqua, for labor,	5 00
paid A. S. Mansir, for labor,	29 37
paid Willie Leonard, for labor,	8 00
paid Henry Worden, for labor,	4 50
paid John Race, for labor,	11 25
paid William Leonard, for labor,	6 00
paid John Hickey, for labor,	6 00
paid Andrew Mahar, for labor,	9 75
paid James B. Alger, for labor,	1 75
paid N. C. Chapin, for labor,	6 00
paid W. S. Barnum, repairs,	4 28
paid John Viola, for stone, 1882,	28 00
paid Mrs. E. C. Hurlburt, for labor,	3 50
	$838 28

TREASURER'S OFFICE, TICKET SALESMEN, GATEMEN, MARSHALS, &c.

By paid John E. Potter and Assistants,	$27 00
paid John C. Wheeler, selling tickets,	9 00
paid M. T. Huntington, selling tickets,	9 00

By paid John K. Siggins, selling tickets,	$9 00
paid Charles R. Brewer, selling tickets,	9 00
paid Lincoln Siggins, selling tickets,	9 00
paid Luke Shead, selling tickets,	9 00
paid Albert T. Robbins, stock gate,	6 00
paid F. S. Turner, exit gate,	7 50
paid Henry Snyder, main gate,	9 00
paid N. C. Chapin, main gate,	9 00
paid S. Nodine, stock gate,	9 00
paid J. N. Munson, south gate,	9 00
paid Charles Evans, foot gate,	7 50
paid C. H. Bentley, main gate,	9 00
pain John C. Smith, road marshal,	9 00
paid John Hickey, main gate,	9 00
paid H. S. Manley, road marshal,	9 00
paid E. D. Humphrey, marshal,	5 00
paid J. A. Brewer, marshal,	6 00
paid H. E. Codding, stock marshal,	7 00
paid E. A. Kilbourn, stock marshal,	6 00
paid Reuben R. Brewer, stock marshal,	6 00
paid S. H. Bushnell, marshal,	6 00
paid H. T. Cande, stock marshal,	6 00
paid F. K. Hinckley, stock marshal,	6 00
paid H. W. Smith, marshal,	6 00
paid George H. Wheeler, marshal,	6 00
paid Fred H. Leonard, poultry marshal,	9 00
paid James B. Alger, assistant poultry marshal,	5 00
paid Fred L. Bristol, Grand Stand,	7 50
paid Treasurer's salary,	125 00
	$380 50

SECRETARY.

By paid Henry T. Robbins, salary,	$125 00
paid Henry T. Robbins, for stationary and postage,	19 40
	$144 40

ON ORDERS BY SUPERINTENDENT OF HALL.

By paid Boardman Tobey,	$1 50	By paid Miss Lucy Kellogg,	$1 50
paid Miss Langdon,	1 50	paid John M. Smith,	1 50
paid Frank Rowe,	8 00	paid John J. Hart,	1 50
paid Miss Kline,	1 50	paid Charles Painter,	3 00
paid Mrs. Kline,	1 50	paid John Race,	6 00
paid Mrs. M. E. Cowles,	1 50	paid Lyman Gibson,	1 00
paid F. S. Crippen,	4 00	paid T. B. Strong,	1 50
paid Mrs. John B. Chadwick,	1 50	paid James Parker,	1 50
paid George A. Wright,	6 00	paid Miss Cora Burghardt,	3 00
paid D. J. Coleman,	6 00	paid John Gibson, sup't. hall	20 00
paid Miss Anna Gibson,	3 00		$79 00
paid Mrs. A. W. Selkirk,	1 50		
paid Harry Prindle,	1 00		

WATCHMEN, &c.

By paid A. S. Mansir, Sup't.,	$9 00	Thomas Murray,	$4 50
paid William Crossley,	8 50	O. Miller,	6 00
paid James Mullaney,	6 00	Thomas Gibbons,	4 50
paid James Hines,	5 00	E. Loftus,	4 50
paid Oscar Comstock,	8 50	M. P. Stillman,	6 00
paid Edward Worcester,	5 00	Henry Worden, Gents' closet,	4 50

By paid Martin Gibbons,	$5 00	Mrs. Dowd, ladies' closet,	$4 50
paid Enos Seymour,	4 50		
paid John Maley,	5 00		$97 00
paid Ed. Lee,	6 00		

DRIVING, TROTTING, POTATO AND FOOT RACES.

By paid F. M. Dodge, open to all class,	$100 00
paid F. S. Gross, open to all class,	65 00
paid Henry C. Phelps, open to all class,	35 00
paid Edwin Hurlburt, 2:40 class,	75 00
paid F. M. Dodge, 2:40 class,	50 00
paid Henry C. Phelps, 2:40 class,	30 00
paid M. Murphy, 2:50 class,	40 00
paid F. M. Dodge, 2:50 class,	30 00
paid E. Hurlburt, 2:50 class,	20 00
paid T. G. Sabin, three-minute class,	15 00
paid Noah Osborne, three-minute class,	10 00
paid E. Hurlburt, three-minute class,	5 00
paid F. M. Dodge, pairs driving or road horses,	30 00
paid H. C. Phelps, pairs driving or road horses,	20 00
paid Allen Daniels, foot race,	4 00
paid P. Welch, foot race,	3 00
paid E. Whitney, foot race,	2 00
paid William Morrison, foot race,	1 00
paid William Morrison, potato race,	5 00
paid E. Whitney, potato race,	4 00
paid William H. Olds, potato race,	3 00
paid D. Massey, potato race,	2 00
paid A. Whitney, potato race,	1 00
	$550 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

By paid Clark W. Bryan & Co., printing, advertising, etc.,	$292 50
paid E. Y. Foote, job printing,	29 85
paid Russell & Morgan Printing Co., printing,	22 50
paid E. Hollister, grass seed,	5 25
paid Dewey & Wright, insurance,	57 00
paid M. E. Tobey, sundries, 1882,	25 90
paid Arthur A. Smith, expenses attending Institute,	10 00
paid J. A. Brewer, use of horse,	6 00
paid Miller House, keeping horses,	10 50
paid Chapin & Co., corn,	3 35
paid Bertie LeFranc, riding,	100 00
paid George A. Tuller, use of horse,	9 00
paid A. S. Fassett, sundries,	70
paid E. D. Humphrey, cartage,	14 40
paid H. W. Sykes, attending President's room,	6 00
paid J. A. Brewer, bill sundries,	94 25
paid for watching silver,	6 00
paid express on silver, telegrams and postage,	6 65
paid John G. Cropper, services,	1 00
paid N. H. Osborne, for ice,	2 50
paid transfer to Permanent Fund,	233 34
paid Housatonic R. R. Co., freight bill,	4 16
paid C. J. Burget, potatoes,	1 00
paid H. W. Smith, committee on repairs,	3 00
paid George H. Wheeler, committee on repairs,	3 00
paid Jason Cooley, refreshments for Institutes and labor,	62 92

By paid for dinners during Fair.	$39 00
paid Berkshire House, bill,	4 75
paid John E. Russell, expenses attending two Institutes,	26 00
paid for Premium Goods,	2,272 90
	$3,353 92

EXPERT COMMITTEE ON STOCK.

By paid William R. Sessions,	$ 6 90
paid J. W. Clark,	8 60
paid E. Burnett,	14 50
	$ 30 00
Cash in Treasury, January 1, 1884,	$ 333 12
Total amount bills paid and Cash on hand, to balance,	$6,433 42

PERMANENT FUND.

Five shares Stockbridge and Pittsfield Railroad Stock, par value,	$500 00
Five shares New York Central Railroad Stock, par value,	500 00
Great Barrington Savings Bank Book, 4462, January 1, 1883,	236 02
January 15, Dividend, N. Y. Central Stock, added to Great Barrington Savings Bank Book, 4462,	10 00
April 16, Dividend, N. Y. Central Stock, added to Great Barrington Savings Bank Book, 4462,	10 00
July 2, Dividend, Stockbridge and Pittsfield Railroad Stock, added to Great Barrington Savings Bank Book, 4462,	17 50
July 16, Dividend, N. Y. Central Stock, added to Great Barrington Savings Bank Book, 4462,	10 00
October 15, Dividend, N. Y. Central Stock, added to Great Barrington Savings Bank Book, 4462,	10 00
Stock Members' Receipts, 1883, added to Great Barrington Savings Bank Book, 4462,	33 34
Cash deposited in Savings Bank in accordance with vote of Society at Annual Meeting,	200 00
Interest on Bank Book 4462, to January 1, 1884,	10 38
January 1, 1884, Dividend Stockbridge and Pittsfield Railroad Stock, added to Great Barrington Savings Bank Book, 4462,	9 13
	$1,546 37

FRANK H. WRIGHT, Treasurer.

NOTE.—The protest against the award on F. Hoffman's Jersey Heifer, as reported on page 35, was dismissed by vote of the Executive Committee, at their meeting, held December 12, 1883.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

Those designated with a * are stock or Permanent Members; those with a † Life Members.

This list comprises the names of members in good standing; also of those one or two years in arrears; those three or more years in arrears are dropped from this list.

ADAMS.

Baker, T. H.
*Farnum, D. F.
*Lincoln, S. L.
Smith, Josiah A.
Twing, J. A.

ALFORD.

Barnum, Edwin R.
Bassett, Edwin A.
Ballard, Jackson P.
Beebe, Mrs. R.
Billings, W. H.
Bolton, Wtlliam H.
Buckbee, Charles
Buck, Henry F.
Calkins, Harrison
Champion, Evi
Church, Elihu
Corcoran, John
Curtis, George R.
Curtis, Robert M.
Curtis, F. M.
Debell, Fred
DeForrest, John C.
Dings, Hiram
Dings, Adelbert
Edwards, J. H.
Fitch, Horace S.
Galvin, Dennis
Halleck, Maggie E.
Hawver, Eli
Hawver, Frank
Hinman, W. C.
Holmes, Richard A.
Huggins, D. A.
Jacobs, Horace S.
Jones, William
Keefe, Luke
Meach, George
Milligan, T. W.
Milligan, Merrick
Milligan, J. L.
Osborne, Lester T.
Palmer, Allen J.
Palmer, W. H.
Peck, Henry
Post, Leonard
Prindle, Russell
Rivenburgh, S.
Rowe, Myron
Smith, H. W.
Smith, Ernest
Sperry, William A.
Stickles, George W.
Stoddard, A. A.
*Stoddard, Benton E.
*Stoddard, William
Stoddard, Charles F.
Stoddard, George B.
Sweet, Ambrose
Shufelt, Jeremiah
*Ticknor, Ezra C.
*Ticknor, W. A.
Ticknor, Henry
Tobey, Elisha L.
Tobey, George B.
Wagoner, Silas
Williams, Samuel K.
Woodford, John B.

AUSTERLITZ, N. Y.

Arnold, Aaron
Almsted, Walter
Anthony, Michael
Wheeler, Martin
Wheeler, Wellington

CANAAN, CT.

Adams, H. N.
Barnes, H. C.
Benedict, George
Houghtaling, T.
Hubbard, Albert A.
Huntley, Ezra B.
Joyner, Henry C.
Lawrence, W. A.
Morrison, John
Rossman, W. W.
Sardam, Frank,
Schutt, Horace W.
Spaulding, John F.
Strong, George P.

CLAVERACK, N. Y.

Townsend, George D.
Hess, Lawrence,

COPAKE, N. Y.

Decker, R.
Miller, J. E.
Vosburgh, Egbert
Wright, William

EGREMONT.

*Baldwin, Benjamin F.
Baldwin, I. D. W.
*Baldwin, Theodore S.
Baldwin, Stephen
†Baldwin, E. R.
Bassett, C. H.
Benjamin, Elbert C.
Bradford, George F.
Bradford, John
Bradford, Ralph H.
Branch, O. A.
Benjamin, A. A.
Benjamin, F. K.
Benjamin, George C.
Best, Ezra
Bignal, C.
Boice, Abram
Brewster, George A.
Brown, George A.
*Brown, Martin
Blunt, Rutson
Brusie, Lyman H.
Bunce, Dan
Bunce, James H.
Burdick, Nathan
Burget, Henry W.
Campbell, John W.
Coon, Jacob
Crippen, William F.
Colby, Charles H.
Cronin, Michael
Dalzell, W. C.
Decker, Peter
Derrick, Arthur B.
Dewey, Seymour B.
Doty, George S.
Doty, J. S.
Doty, Sanford
Duncan, Weeden
Dunlap, B. K.
Fee, William
Felder, Leonard
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THE PURPOSE OF AMERICAN AGRICULTURE.

ABSTRACT OF AN ADDRESS

DELIVERED BEFORE THE 43d ANNUAL FAIR OF THE HOUSATONIC AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, SEPTEMBER 26th, 1884,

BY GEORGE B. LORING.

Dr. Loring began by defining the position which Massachusetts, that may be called a non-agricultural state, held in the American world of farming. Largely engaged in manufactures, she presents that view of agriculture, which, as our country increases in population and large towns and cities and manufacturing villages multiply, will undoubtedly become the system most generally in use. In a certain sense we may say that Massachusetts stands foremost among agricultural communities.

We are told that when seventy per cent. of the community are engaged in agriculture the annual earnings of each person are $161 per year; when twenty per cent. are engaged $450 per year constitutes each persons earnings. This latter is Massachusetts and her agricultural industry. In this work her statistics are worthy of consideration, as part of that great diversity of industry in which her people are engaged. The number of her farms are 36,406, belonging to her million and three-quarters of people. The value of these farms, including fences and buildings, are $146,197,415. The value of her farming implements and machinery is $5,134,537. The value of her live stock is $12,957,004. The number of her horses is 59,629; of cows 150,435; of other cattle 96,045. Her dairy products are 29,662,953 gallons of milk; 9,655,587 lbs. of butter; 829,528 lbs. of cheese. It is estimated that in 1882 her corn crop was 1,798,768 bushels; her oat crop 703,000; her rye crop 440,000; her potato crop 2,955,053; her hay crop was 681,221; her tobacco crop was 4,250,819 pounds. In addition to all these staple crops her market garden produce was enormous. Around this agriculture

and supporting it stands the great manufacturing interests of the Commonwealth. In these industries $303,806,185 are invested. The number of persons, male and female, young and old employed is 352,254. The product of this labor was valued in 1880 at $631,135,284. For the education of these industrial classes in the land and in the mill more than $21,663,000 is invested in school buildings; the amount of money raised for school purposes is $4,696,612 in addition to the vast sums devoted to her colleges and higher institutions of learning.

From this Dr. Loring passed to a consideration of agriculture as a national industry. He recognized the fact that it lies at the foundation of state and society in every country, and especially in our own, where for many years it was almost our only industry, supplying us with our revenues and feeding and clothing the strong men who gave us our nationality. It was a cluster of agricultural colonies which secured our independence. The citizen proprietors of the soil of America have learned to defend their rights, and they struck for their freedom long before their associate industries had gained a foothold upon these shores. It was the "embattled farmer," who as the poet tells us, "fired the shot heard round the world." And having laid the foundation of our republic, they pursued their calling with diligence and success, and gave us a strong and honorable community, renowned for courage, honor, integrity, and fidelity. It was this almost universal industry, connected with small commerce, which enabled an economical and prudent people to set an example of financial honor, which has not yet been forgotten. When Mr. Jefferson closed his career as president of the United States, he was congratulated by the legislature of Virginia, through the mouth of the illustrious William Wirt, that he had succeeded in paying $30,000,000 of the national debt. The power to do this came largely from the land. Manufacturers had no existence. The rivers washed down their falls and rapids unhindered to the sea. Cotton manufacturers were unknown. Woolen cloth was woven by the industrious mothers and sisters on looms, for which a room was always provided in a well organized household. Flax was grown and linen made. But neither manufactures nor the mechanic arts gave employment to our people, nor revenue to the State. The power of the nation consisted in the stout hearts of the farmers, and the wealth of the nation consisted in the successful application of their skill to the soil. They farmed under great advantages it is true. The soil was fertile, and the harvests were great.

In my own State, in fact in my County of Essex, so famed for early and late activity and industry, one of the most reliable and powerful, and faithful statesmen and soldiers of the revolution, Timothy Pickering, tells us that in his day the soil of that county yielded to the acre 28 bushels of wheat, 117 bushels of corn, 52 bushels of barley, 518 bushels of common potatoes, 900 bushels of carrots, 1,034 bushels mangel wurzel, 688 bushels of Swedish turnips, 783 bushels of beets, 654 bushels of onions, 30 tons of hay grown on 6 acres, and the yearly average of 40 acres for many years was more than 120 tons. To the fertile lands of the west these crops may not seem extraordinary, but to the east they were, and are far beyond what can now be reached by the most skillful fertilizing and the highest cultivation. In our own day the soil may have lost its fertility, industries may have multiplied, the paths to wealth and comfort may have become more and more varied, but agriculture holds its former place still, and taxes our ingenuity and secures prosperity. In the great trials that have befallen our generations. trials in which not only the wisdom of the wise, but the fruits of the industrious are needed to sustain and develop the country, which the valor of the faithful saved from ruin, the wealth which has been drawn from the soil has enabled us to maintain our financial honor, and solve many a vexed financial problem. The position held by us in the commerce of the world was watched with interest and anxiety during all those years in which the power of the people to bear the great war debt was a matter of painful doubt. At the close of the war the financial facts of our country were against us. Gold was at a premium. Our exports were comparatively small. The balance of trade was against us, and our supply of gold was constantly drawn on to pay our foreign bills. Then it was that the most thoughtful and patriotic American citizens turned to the growing industries of the country for the solution of the financial question which was so universally discussed and so seriously considered. Not to our vast revenues alone did we turn, but to that producing power of our people, which might find a foreign market and fix exchange in our favor. The men who had fought bravely now toiled diligently, and ere long exports increased rapidly, gold was removed as a commodity from the market, the balance of trade was in our favor, and the American people ranked among the large importing nations of the earth. The solution of our financial policy had begun, and has been continued until we are of one heart and one mind on this all important question. Once more has agriculture contrib-

uted a vast share of that which has been sent into the markets of the world. As in the early days of the Republic, so in our day, has the soil enriched and supported our people. Besides feeding lavishly fifty millions of people, the agriculture of the country has continued to supply a large amount of exports of domestic merchandise. In 1880 the exports from this country rose in one year from $635,042,078 to $883,915,941, and of this vast sum agriculture furnished $724,489,413, or 81.06 per cent of the whole amount. The imports amounted to $667,954,736, leaving a balance of $215,961,195. The effect of this contribution to our export trade is incalculable; and it has done so much toward restoring us to that financial stability, and prosperity, and honor, of which as a nation we ought to be proud, and for which every prosperous man ought to be so grateful that I turn with pride and satisfaction to the record which American agriculture has made for itself. But not only are the years of agricultural prosperity instructive, but the bad seasons also teach us a lesson which we should not forget. Last year the great crops of 1880 were largely reduced, and the change in our commercial affairs was striking and significant. In 1881 the cotton crop fell off 1,200,000 bales, wheat 118,269,778 bushels, corn 122,518,543 bushels, rye 3,835,000 bushels, oats 1,404,380 bushels, barley 4,004,150 bushels. As to one result of this the excess of exports over imports fell from $259,712,718 in 1881, $25,727,856 in 1882, the fiscal year ending June 30, the effect of which is manifest.

Mark now the growth of this industry in a decade during which it has made a great contribution. In 1870 the amount of Indian corn raised in this country was 708,944,549 bushels; in 1880 1,754,449,000 bushels. 1870 the wheat crop amounted to 287,775,626 bushels; in 1880, 459,667,643 bushels. In 1870 the oat crop amounted to 282,107,157 bushels; in 1880 to 407,720,003 bushels. In 1870 the tobacco crop amounted to 262,755,341 pounds; in 1880 to 475,107,573 pounds. The increase of agricultural products was large and universal, amounting in many instances to a hundred per cent. And in the last year of this decade, from 1879 to 1880, out of this vast increase of products our cattle exports rose from $13,000,000 to $14,000,000; corn from $43,000,000 to $50,000,000; wheat from $167,698,000 to $190,546,000; flour from $35,000,000 to $45,000,000; cotton from $209,852,000 to $215,531,530; beef from $7,000,000 to $13,000,000; lard from $20,000.000 to $35,266,000, and pork from $5,000,000 to $8,000,000.

This unusual and extraordinary prosperity is due undoubtedly to

many causes, natural and artificial, the natural causes being our diversity of soil and climate, and the variety of our crops, and the economy with which new and fertile lands can be cultivated—the artificial causes being the advantages of local and general markets and the relations established between the farmer and the soil he cultivated by the independent ownership of the land under the laws of our country. To this last cause may be attributed much of that elasticity and energy which the American farmer manifests in occupying new lands, and the cultivation of crops adapted to the market which they can reach. It were not easy to tell the strength and stimulus which came through the ownership of the soil, to him who occupies it, has fixed his home upon it, and looks to it as his means of subsistence. It is to the division and subdivision of the land, almost as much as to their devotion to the institutions of learning and their determination to secure all social and civil rights that our fathers owe their success in establishing free government on this continent. They had the Anglo-Saxon love of land, but above all they had the Anglo-Saxon love of individual independence, and land monopolies, entail and primogenture were especially odious to them. They established in the earliest colonial days a system of landholding so simple, so exact, so easily managed, that it has become the example which all republican governments follow. They established a public registry of deed, and provided for an easy and recorded transfer of landed estates from hand to hand, as easy as the transfer of personal property. The state which they formed became not only the home of civil and religious freedom, but of small landed proprietors also. When they struck for freedom they struck for the sacred right of their own homes, which had become scattered throughout the length and breadth of the land, and were the nurseries of a hardy, independent, sturdy race of puritans in religion and roundheads in politics. They were indeed the lords of the soil, and were as unconquerable in their defense of their little farms as the great landed proprietors of their old homes were in protecting their immense estates from invasion or popular revolution. The feudal tenure of England never gained a foothold here. But the commercial tenure which took its place gave every prosperous member of the community an opportunity to cultivate his own little kingdom, and to dispose of or exchange it at his pleasure. The temptation to secure land, under these circumstances, becomes irresistible. The mechanic labored to secure his homestead; the merchant was never satisfied until he had purchased a

farm with the surplus profit of his commercial adventure. The professional men of the day—the lawyers, the clergymen, the physicians —all owned and cultivated their land, which they were proud to occupy. And with this American system, as it has been called, a system which the English reformers have advocated, and promised the English people, went a multitude of civil rights, and privileges, and opportunities, which were never lost sight of by those who made up and supported and organized the community. The occupants and owners of the farms were the pillars of the church; they filled the town offices; they took their places in the legislature, and made laws for the commonwealth; they took part in the town meeting with its stormy debate and its free ballot; they aspired to high offices and exercised the right of beating and being beaten at the polls. The school house, the library and the lecture room they entered for their mental culture; the church for their moral and religious culture. They founded a system of state and society here which required of us, also a liberal expenditure both of public and private necessities and luxuries. In a community founded as they founded theirs, taxes must necessarily be somewhat heavy; personal expenses must be somewhat large; the advancement of home must be provided for; the public entertainment will be enjoyed; the children must be well clad, provided with books, and supplied with a good education. And this is the American system of land-holding—with all its duties, privileges and opportunities—a system which the statesmen of the Old World study with profound interest and great care. It may be attended by a great deal of careless and unprofitable and unskillful farming as every system is, but it produces great results, and is the foundation of great public and private prosperity.

The agricultural law, which governs the management of farms like these is the supply of the home, and if possible, a neighboring market. For the great grain growing sections of our more populous and older states, with their commercial and manufacturing cities, furnish the great bulk of the market, consuming 90 per cent of all the agricultural produce of this vast country. For the smaller farms these same great centres of population furnish a market for all local crops, and encourage careful and systematic farming. As our population increases, and the manufacturing and mechanical industries extend, this latter system of agriculture with all its profits, and and its independence of long and expensive transportation will prevail. While, therefore, the foreign markets present great temptation,

fair profits and the stimulus of a commercial enterprise as well as the financial benefits of an interchange of industrial products it is the markets of our own people which possess the greatest advantages, and lie at the foundation of our agricultural prosperity. We may learn from this, if we will, the vast importance of developing our domestic industries of every description, and of uniting them all in a cluster of enterprises supported by American labor, and organized on the laws of American state and society with their civil rights and their social equity.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

SUMMER CROPS.

Whole number of entries 228. Winter Wheat, 2; Spring Wheat 9; Five acres Rye, 17; Three acres Rye, 21; One acre rye, 26; Five acres oats, 28; Three acres Oats, 44; One acre Oats, 46; Barley, 7; Three acres Grass, 21; Five acres Grass, 7.

There were but two entries of Winter Wheat, neither of which gave results entirely satisfactory to the competitors, and from the experience of one of your committee in an attempt to raise winter wheat, and our observations in regard to that crop, we would not encourage farmers to raise it, as it is attended with risk and uncertainty to a degree that renders it unprofitable.

There were nine entries of spring wheat which gave far better results, nearly all of which were worthy of premiums, but as we were restricted to four premiums, a portion had to be left out. It is a question with us whether it is profitable for the farmer to even raise spring wheat, but of the two, winter or spring wheat, we should encourage the latter.

The rye crop made a good growth and except where injured by the untimely frost of last spring, gave very satisfactory results. In the examination of this crop we were particular in ascertaining the mode of culture, and fertilizers used, if any, that we might better establish the correctness of the opinion of ourselves that some kind of commercial fertilizer was well adapted to promote the production of this crop, and we found quite a number of the best pieces were treated to a moderate application of Bradley's super-phosphate of lime—and here we would mention an experimental test made by Mr. Orrin Curtiss, one of Sheffield's time-honored farmers (since died) who made application of a moderate quantity of Bradley's fertilizer on an acre of rye at the time of sowing, with the excep-

tion of about two rods in width through the middle of the piece, the result could not fail to attract the attention of the most casual observer, and from our former convictions of the value of this fertilizer for the rye crop, and from inquiry and observation during our examinations we unhesitatingly advise the farmers of southern Berkshire to make use of this fertilizer on rye.

The oat crop, with its one hundred and eighteen entries, caused your committee more anxiety than all the other crops combined, lest we might fail to do justice by each competitor. The crop was simply enormous, and if some of the competitors should feel that they had not been fairly dealt with we should not be surprised. We started out upon our duties with the firm resolve not to be influenced in making our awards by any outside circumstances, and we trust if by any reason we have erred in doing justice to all it will be considered an error of the head rather than the heart.

There were seven entries of barley, nearly all deserving a premium, but we were restricted to three. We believe barley might be more generally raised by the farmers with paying results.

The grass crop in the aggregate, the lightest for many years, seemed to cause the farmers of southern Berkshire some anxiety how they should be able to winter their stock the coming winter, but it is the opinion of your committee that by the timely forethought of most of them they have bridged over this difficulty with sowed corn and the different grasses so that with economy no apprehension may be felt in that direction. In our examination of the grass crop we often heard the remark made that "my oats fell down and killed my grass," or "the drought of last year killed my grass seed." These remarks and our own observations convinced us that a great deal of loss is incurred by the farmer seeding on oats, and from several instances coming under our examination we are inclined to believe a better way to seed is after the oats are harvested to plow the ground and seed without any crop and to make the result doubly sure a moderate application of some fertilizer should be used. As grass is the main crop for the farmer we are of the opinion that more might be profitably done to produce a better crop than is generally being done by the majority of farmers. Many seem to be satisfied by running over a large number of acres, gathering a very meagre crop. It is worth while to take more pains with the meadow lands, and not be satisfied with the half ton per acre. We would say mow less ground and fertilize what you mow better. To this end we say relax no effort in utilizing every available thing that will contribute to enlarge the manure and compost heap, and top dress the meadows after haying and our word for it the result will be highly satisfactory. We are satisfied that many pieces of meadow land that produce a small crop, can be plowed after the crop has been removed, harrowed and made smooth, treated with an application of Bradley's fertilizer and seeded with grass seed and be made to produce a good crop the next season. A premium on three acres treated in this way by one

of Berkshire's thoughtful farmers was awarded by your committee.

Feeling grateful for the universal hospitality met with, and with a consciousness of having performed our duties to the best of our ability we submit this report:

Best acre Winter Wheat, Joseph Frien, Great Barrington,	$5
2d do., George H. Wheeler, Monterey,	4
Best one acre of Spring Wheat, Zacheus Candee, Sheffield,	6
2d do., A. E. Benton, New Marlboro,	5
3d do., George H. Wheeler, Monterey,	4
4th do., W. O. Curtiss, Lenox,	3
Best five acres of Winter Rye, S K. Williams, Alford,	8
2d do., A. Boice, Egremont,	7
3d do., H. L. Rowe, Egremont,	6
4th do., J. D. Noxon, Great Barrington,	5
2th do., J. L. Millard Egremont,	4
Best three acres Winter Rye, Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington,	8
2d do., Jairus N. Warner, Sheffield,	7
3d do., Myron Rowe, Alford,	6
4th do., Stephen Baldwin, Egremont,	5
5th do., S. K. Williams, Alford,	4
Best one acre Winter Rye, William M. Chapin, Sheffield,	7
2d do., Charles E. Slater, Tyringham,	6
3d do., Henry Cross, Sheffield,	5
4th do., L. H. Boardman, Sheffield,	4
5th do., Mrs. Frances M. Clark, Stockbridge,	3
6th do., J. J. Hart, New Marlboro,	2
Best five acres Oats, Theodore S. Baldwin, Egremont,	7
2d do., A. W. Barnes, Stockbridge,	6
3d do., Leonard Tuttle, Sheffield,	5
4th do., Warren Crissey, Great Barrington,	4
5th do., S. K. Williams, Alford,	3
6th do., Hiram Dings, Alford,	2
Best three acres Oats, B. W. Crissey, Great Barrington,	7
2d do., Orrin Benedict, Pittsfield,	6
3d do., Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington,	5
4th do., John R. Huggins, Sheffield,	4
5th do., William I. Walker, Great Barrington,	3
6th do., J. H. VanDeusen, Great Barrington,	2
Best one acre Oats, William J. Warner, Great Barrington,	6
2d do., O. H. Munson, Monterey,	5
3d do., W. Frank Stevens, Sheffield,	4
4th do , William H. Palmer, Stockbridge,	3
5th do., Reuben Fargo, Monterey,	2
6th do., F. K. Hinckley, Lee,	1
Best acre Barley, Mrs. Frances M. Clark, Stockbridge,	5
2d do., M. W. Coleman, Richmond,	4
3d do., P. M. Shaylor, Lee,	2
Best three acres Cultivated Grass, John Winthrop, Stockbridge,	7
2d do., M. I. Wheeler, Great Barrington,	6
3d do., Garrett Sayles Stockbridge,	5
4th do., George F. Wooden, Sandisfield,	4
5th do., J. M. Buck, Stockbridge,	3
6th do., Dennis Hayes, New Marlboro,	2
Best five acres Cultivated Grass, George F. Wooden, Sandisfield,	7
2d do., J. A. Kline, Egremont,	6
3d do., Patrick Bossidy, Lee,	5
4th do., H. W. Burget, Egremont,	3

COMMITTEE.—Benjamin Wheeler, Harvey S. Chapin,

GARDENS.

Whole number of entries 16. Vegetable Gardens by hired gardener 2; other Vegetable Gardens 7; Flower Gardens by hired gardener 1; other Flower Gardens 6.

There were not the usual number of entries of gardens this season. The almost unprecedented freeze the last of May and the dry weather that followed were doubtless the reasons.

Early in July we started on our tour of inspection. The weather was perfect, the copious showers that succeeded the drouth had so changed the face of nature, there were no traces of the famine some of the fearful had predicted. The hospitality we enjoyed certainly bespoke a land of plenty.

The vegetable gardens for the most part were looking well. The flower gardens, with one or two exceptions, did not come up to the supposed standard. More care and taste in laying out the beds and in the arrangements of plants, together with the cultivation of a few more choice varieties would have added much to their appearance. We made our second trip the fore part of September with the thermometer up, up, up, and still rising. We found it a good time for testing some of the fine melons we saw. Most of the gardens, barring two or three, showed very marked improvement, it seemed almost a miracle the strides some of them had taken. The expenditure of time, labor, and skill, needed to have a good garden, is much greater than that required to raise almost any of the farm crops, but the premiums given are not so much. Considering the importance of a good garden to the farmer's family, living as most of them do at a distance from the market, and that so many of them greatly neglect their gardens now, the committee would recommend an increase of premiums, hoping thereby to quicken their interest in this department. The committee would also recommend a separate division for market gardens :

Best Vegetable Garden cared for by professional or hired gardener W. H. Gibbons, Great Barrington,	$5
2d do., T. G. Ramsdell, Great Barrington,	4
Best Vegetable Garden, cared for by competitor, not professional, Horace Z. Candee, Sheffield,	5
2d do., Ralph Little, Sheffield	4
3d do., W. W. Norton, Great Barrington,	3
4th do., Dwight Andrews, Sheffield,	2
5th do, William I. Walker, Great Barrington,	1
Large Market Garden, special premium, D. S. Busby, Great Barrington,	4
Best Flower Garden by professional or hired gardener, Mrs. T. G. Ramsdell, Great Barrington,	4
Best Flower Garden cared for entirely by the competitor, Mrs. Dwight Andrews, Sheffield,	5
2d do., Fred Dellert, Great Barrington,	4
3d do., Nellie E. Tobey, Great Barrington,	3
4th do., Mrs. Esther Clark,	2
5th do., D. S. Busby, Monterey,	1

Committee.—William C. Dalzell, Mrs. George Kellogg, Miss Jennie Sheldon.

FALL CROPS.

Whole number of entries 314. Five acres Corn 19; Three acres Corn 28; One acre Corn 50; Two acres Sowed Corn 10; one-half acre Sowed Corn 27;

Five acres Ensilage Corn 3; Planted Sweet Corn 10; Buckwheat 36; Potatoes 40; one acre Beans 3; one-half acre Beans 3; one fourth acre Beans 10; Beets 5; Onions 3; Mangel Wurzels 5; Carrots 7; Turnips 15; Cabbage 11; Forty acre farms 8; One hundred acre farms 21.

Your committee, after a careful inspection of the entries of crops and farms, submit the following report:

We found corn below the average as a rule, with many pieces green and late; still we found many excellent pieces. Mr. J. H. VanDeusen having as fine a five acre piece as we saw, having 81¾ lbs. of good sound corn per rod, one hill picked in centre of piece weighing 4 1-8 lbs., corn yellow 12 rowed and 28 hills to the rod. It is our opinion that 30 hills to the rod gives the best results and the yellow twelve rowed yields the best. We were pleased to see so many good crops of sowed corn. We were in favor of sweet corn for sowing, the evergreen giving the best crop. This was the kind used by Mr. George Kellogg, and received first premium, was planted early in rows three feet apart and in hills of three and four kernels each about 14 inches apart. Hoed once and level culture it had a clean piece with many ears on the stalks, stood up well and had sunshine and air enough to sweeten and mature it.

There were some heavy pieces of ensilage corn we did not deem as valuable per acre for feeding outside of the silo as the sweet corn and could not give them a premium, but trust the day is not far distant when more premiums will be given on ensilage corn and more silos will abound, heartily believing that the silo wisely located and used a great factor to aid the farmer to improve his farm by carrying more stock—more manure, more and better crops the result. There were some fine pieces of ensilage corn which would yield over 40 tons per acre, all of which stock would eat after it had been through the silo. There was a fair crop of buckwheat. It was badly thrown down by storms, but was quite well filled. The yield and quality of potatoes was generally poor; many pieces were decayed and some were small and of poor quality. We found the Beauty of Hebron the best, both for quality and yield, the harvest yield being 195 lbs to the rod. We think about 50 hills to the rod gives the best results and care should be used not to seed to heavy. The root crop was very good on many farms and like all cultivated crops pays him best for the labor bestowed on it, who gives it a rich mellow seed bed and clean culture. Mangel Wurzel and sugar beets were fine and seem to be best adapted for stock and easy to raise. Farmers are feeding more grain to their stock than formerly and roots fed with grain aids digestion and promotes health, and roots are more nuitritious than most of us are apt to suppose. There were more than the usual number of farms entered for premiums, owing in part to the increase in the number of premiums and to the attention farmers are manifesting in improvements of all kinds on the farm. We gave our careful attention to the examination of farms, feeling that among so many good farmers it would be hard to do justice and that often the scales would be turned on small points, which we were careful to watch. The different locali-

ties of farms, the markets, the different modes of management, the surrounding circumstances, all have a bearing on the farmer and should be considered. It was pleasant to see the improvements farmers were making on their farms. To see by the careful making, saving and using of manure the soil is yearly growing better and the farm capable of carrying more stock and that stock of the best kind adapted to the use the farmer aims to make of them. Good barns for their protection and handy in their arrangements for the storing of crops, tools and for the care of stock. We looked for good gardens and orchards well cared for and for evidence of rough places made smooth and productive, for hedges, hardhacks and stones cleared away and sweet grasses growing in their place, in short for neatness, care and improvement everywhere which pleases the eye as well as fills the purse. The selection of machinery for use on the farm, the control of help, the surroundings of the home and many another factors too numerous to mention here, were wisely and judiciously managed by many of our competitors. We return our thanks for the kind hospitalities received in the many homes where we were made welcome.

Best five acres Corn J. H. VanDeusen Great Barrington,	$8
2d do., Orrin Benedict, Pittsfield,	7
3d do., E. L. Tuller, Great Barrington,	6
4th do., Jared Lewis, Great Barrington,	5
5th do., O. T. Benedict, Pittsfield,	4
6th do., H. H. Hall, Great Barrington,	3
7th do., George S. Day, Great Barrington,	2
Best three acres Corn, John D. Blake, Lee,	8
2d do., A. B. Derrick, Egremont,	7
3d do., George H. Wheeler, Monterey,	6
4th do., H. C. Byington, Stockbridge,	5
5th do., P. M Shaylor, Lee,	4
6th do., Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington,	3
7th do., S. H. Nye, Great Barrington,	2
Best one acre Corn, William I. Walker, Great Barrington,	7
2d do., E. R. Joyner, Egremont,	6
3d do., E. P. Tanner, Lee,	5
4th do., A. G. Stevens, Stockbridge.	4
5th do., H. Z. Candee, Sheffield,	3
6th do., A. P. Howk, Lee,	2
7th do., E. E. Newman, Egremont,	1
Best two acres Sowed Corn, Garret Sayles, Stockbridge,	6
2d do., P. M. Saylor, Lee,	5
3d do., H. L. Rowe, Egremont	4
4th do., W. H. Day, Great Barrington,	3
5th do., C. A. Mills, Williamstown,	2
6th do., William I. Walker, Great Barrington,	1
Best one-half acre Sowed Corn, George Kellogg, Sheffield,	5
2d do., J. J. Hart, New Marlboro,	4
3d do , Alonzo Bradley. Lee,	3
4th do., N. B. Curtiss, Stockbridge,	2
5th do., E. L. Heath, Stockbridge,	1
Best five acres Ensilage Corn, Warren Crissey, Great Barrington,	6
2d do., S. A. Hickox, Williamstown,	5
3d do., W. M. Chapin, Sheffield,	3
Best one-half acre Planted Sweet Corn, J. M. Buck, Stockbridge,	4
2d do., H. C. Byington, Stockbridge,	3

Third best, C. A. Mills, Williamstown, $2
Best one acre Buckwheat, George A. Stevens, New Marlboro, 5
2d do., George F. Bradford, Egremont, 4
3d do., Anson Buck, Stockbridge, 3
4th do., Levi M. Stanard, New Marlboro, 2
5th do., Henry R. Stevens, New Marlboro, 1
Best one acre Potatoes, F. K. Hinckley, Lee, 7
2d do., W. G. Karner, Pittsfield. 6
3d do., O. T. Benedict, Pittsfisld, 5
4th do., Elisha Collins, Great Barrington, 4
5th do., N. B. Curtiss, Stockbridge. 3
6th do., William H. Sheldon, Sheffield, 2
Best acre White Beans, H. L. Rowe, Egremont 4
2d do., Mark Laird, Great Barrington. 2
Best one-half acre White Beans, George W. Lester, Great Barrington. 1
2d do., Stephen Baldwin, Egremont, 3
Best one-fourth acre White Beans, S. H. Nye, Great Barrington, 2
2d do., Dwight Andrews, Sheffield, 1
Best one fourth acre Sugar Beets, Alonzo Bradley, Lee, 5
2d do., W. G. Karner, Pittsfield, 4
3d do., J. A. Kline, Egremont, 3
Best one-fourth acre Onions, Levi Boardman, Sheffield, 4
2d do., William J. Warner, Great Barrington, 3
3d do., W. C. French, West Stockbridge,, 2
Best one-fourth acre Mangel Wurzels, P. M. Shaylor, Lee, 4
2d do., George Kellogg, Sheffield, 3
3d do., Alonzo Bradley, Lee, 2
4th do., L. Tuckerman, Stockbridge, 1
Best one-fourth acre Carrots, Oscar M. Hall, Great Barrington, 5
2d do., O. T. Benedict, Pittsfield, 4
3d do., Louis Schneider, Sheffield, 3
4th do., Levi M. Stanard, New Marlboro, 2
5th do., William A. Hall, Monterey, 1
Best one-fourth acre French Turnips, George M. Gibson, New Marlboro, 4
2d do., O. H. Munson, Monterey, 3
3d do., L. Tuckerman, Stockbridge, 2
Best one-fourth acre Cabbage, Louis Schneider, Sheffield, 4
2d do., Anson Buck, Stockbridge, 3
3d do., Eli Martin, Great Barrington. 2
Best managed farm of 100 acres or over, Warren Crissey, Great Barrington, 18
2d do., J. A. Kline, Egremont, 12
3d do., C. A. Mills, Williamstown, 10
4th do., T. S. Baldwin, Egremont, 8
5th do., W. H. Palmer, Stockbridge, 6
6th do., W. M. Chapin, Sheffield, 4
Best managed farm of not less than 40 acres and less than 100 acres, Ralph Little, Sheffield, 15
2d do., W. O. Curtiss, Lenox, 10
3d do., J. M. Cooper, Stockbridge, 7
4th do., W. I. Walker, Great Barrington, 5
5th do., M. W. Coleman, Richmond, 3

COMMITTEE.—F. A. Palmer, E. A. Kilbourn.

SEEDS.

Whole number of entries 79. Timothy seed 0; Sweet Corn 11; Seed Corn 15; Pop Corn 5; Seed Oats 10; Seed Rye 17; White Beans 9; Seed Barley 2; Seed Buckwheat 6; Winter Wheat 1; Spring Wheat 3.

Best 30-pounds ears Sweet Corn, W. C. French, West Stockbridge, $3
2d do., R. H. Race, Egremont, 2
3d do., N. B. Turner, Great Barrington, 1

Best 30-pounds ears Seed Corn, Z. Candee, Sheffield,	$2
2d do., J. E. Hollenbeck, Egremont,	1
Discretionary, H. W. Sheldon, New Marlboro,	1
Best 20-pounds ears Pop Corn, Mrs. D. Clark, Lee,	2
2d do., Master Frank H. Candee, Sheffield,	1
Best bushel Seed Oats, William Stevens, Sheffield,	3
2d do., J. E. Hollenbeck, Egremont,	2
3d do., Michael Hayes, New Marlboro,	1
Discretionary, H. S. Chapin, Sheffield,	1
Best bushel Seed Rye H. Z. Candee, Sheffield,	3
2d do., Harry Roys, Sheffield,	2
3d do., C. L. Rote, Great Barrington,	1
Discretionary, L. Schneider, Sheffield,	1
Best Bushel White Beans, C. L. Rote, Great Barrington,	3
2d do., Stephen Baldwin, Egremont,	2
3d do., L. Post, Alford,	1
Discretionary, S. T. Race, Egremont,	1
Best bushel Seed Barley, M. W. Coleman, Richmond,	2
2d do., Mrs. O. E. Clark, Sheffield,	1
Best bushel Seed Buckwheat, J. E. Hollenbeck, Egremont,	2
2d do., A. Stanard, New Marlboro,	1
Discretionary, H. Trip, Sheffield,	1
Best bushel Winter Wheat, Joseph Frien, Great Barrington,	2
Best bushel Spring Wheat, George W. Stickles, Alford,	2
2d do., A. E. Benton, New Marlboro,	1

COMMITTEE.—Charles S. Platt, Joseph Ramsey, Alfred H. Alexander.

VEGETABLES AND HORTICULTURE.

Whole number of entries 118. Largest variety of Garden Vegetables 4; best Horticultural display 5; one-half bushel Potatoes 16; Beets 19; Turnips 5; Squash 14; Pumpin 12; Miscellaneous 43.

Best variety Garden Vegetables, W. H. Gibbons, Great Barrington,	$6
2d do., Mrs. H. E. Leavitt, Great Barrington,	5
3d do., M. L. Whitlock, Great Barrington,	4
4th do., Fred Dellert, Great Barrington,	3
Best Horticultural Display, H. Z. Candee, Sheffield,	10
2d do., D. S. Busby, Monterey,	8
3d do., F. Dellert, Great Barrington,	7
4th do., Dwight Andrews, Sheffield,	6
Best one-half bushel Potatoes, J. M. Benjamin, Sheffield,	4
2d do., H. P. Fargo, Monterey,	3
3d do., H. B. Cross, Sheffield,	2
4th do., J. J. Hart, New Marlboro,	1
Beets, A. H. Stickles, West Stockbridge,	1
M. Hayes, New Marlboro,	1
Fred Dellert, Great Barrington,	1
Best Turnips, O. H. Munson, Monterey,	1
Best Squash, M. Gibbons, Great Barrington,	2
2d do., M. I. Wheeler, Great Barrington,	1
3d do., R. E. Holmes, Alford,	1
4th do., J. L. Millard, Egremont,	1
Best Pumpkins, W. S. Wilcox, Sheffield,	1
Best Cabbage, L. Schneider, Sheffield,	2
2d do., F. Dellert, Great Barrington,	1
Best Tomatoes, F. Dellert, Great Barrington,	1
Best Onions, Levi Boardman, Sheffield,	2
2d do., W. J. Warner, Great Barrington,	1
Best Melons, W. I. Walker, Great Barrington,	2
2d do., L. Schneider, Sheffield,	1
Best Peppers, E. Vosburgh, Sheffield,	1

Best Carrots, Michael Hayes, New aMrlboro, $1
Best Citrons, D. B. Dewey, Lenox, 1
Best Celery, Fred Dellert, Great Barrington, 1
Best Sunflowers, Pat. Gibbons. Great Barrington. 1

COMMITTEE.—D. C. Millard. R. L. Boardman, J. P. Ballard.

HOUSEHOLD MANUFACTURES—1ST DIVISION.

Whole number of entries 57. Rag Carpeting 17 ; Hearth Rug 40.

Best piece Rag Carpeting, Mrs. L. S. Parsons, Sheffield, $6
2d do., Mrs. T. W. Barnes, West Stockbridge, 5
3d do., Mrs. Harvey Truesdell, Stockbridge, 4
4th do. Mrs. O. S. Higley, Becket, 3
5th do., Mrs. A. M. Hewins, Sheffield, 2
6th do., Mrs. C. B. Bennett, Great Barrington, 1
Best Hearth Rug, Mrs. Joseph Kenyon, Otis, 4
2d do., Miss Emma G. Clark, Sheffield, 3
3d do., Mrs. M. E. Cowles, Sheffield. 2
4th do., Mrs. Joseph Chapin, Sheffield, 2
5th do., Mrs. O. M. Hall, Great Barrington, 1

DISCRETIONARY.

Mrs. E. L. Gorham, Great Barrington, 1
Miss Adelle Munn. Sheffield, 1
Mrs. Clara Flint, Great Barrington, 1
Mrs. G. M. Beach, Otis. 1
Miss Carrie Chapin, Sheffield. 1
Mrs. George VanDeusen, Great Barrington, 1
Miss Sarah Goodspeed, Lee, 1

DISCRETIONARY FOR CARPETS.

Mrs. T. S. Baldwin, Egremont, 1
Mrs. Martin Brown, Egremont, 1
Mrs. H. E. Codding, Egremont, 1

COMMITTEE.—Newton Brewer, Mrs. Dwight Andrews, Mrs. Wm. Sheldon.

HOUSEHOLD MANUFACTURES.—2D DIVISION.

Whole number of entries 26. Afghans or Lap Robes 6 : 3 pounds Woolen Yarn 5 ; 4 pairs Woolen Hose 10 ; 3 pairs Woolen Mittens 5.

Best Afghan or Lap Robe, Miss Ada Crosier, Washington, $3
2d do., Miss M. E. Sage, Sheffield, 2
3d do., Mrs. D. J. Dodge, Pittsfield, 1
Best three pounds White or Colored Yarn, Mrs. C. B. Langdon, Monterey, 3
2d do., Mrs. R. H. Bradford, Egremont, 2
3d do., Mrs. William Hall, Monterey, 1
Best 4 pairs Woolen Hose, Almeda Fitch, New Marlboro, 3
2d do.. Frances Crosier, Washington, 2
3d do., Mrs. Charles Crosier, Washington, 1
Best 3 pairs Woolen Mittens, Mrs. William Abbott, Sheffield, 2
2d do., Mrs. Charles Crosier, Washington, 1
Best Afghan, Mrs. M. M. Anderson, Great Barrington, 1
Woolen Hose, Mrs. J. N. Warner, Sheffield, 1
Mrs. L. M. Stanard, New Marlboro, 1
Ada Crosier, Washington, 1
Annie Putnam, Great Barrington, 1
Mrs. M. Kelly, Washington, 1
Mrs. H. Roys, Sheffield, 1
Cotton Hose, Mrs. L. E. Lindsey, Sheffield, 1
Mittens, wool, Mrs. Charles Bills, Becket, 1
" Mrs. Lelica Davis, Becket. 1

COMMITTEE.—F. S. Aymar, Mrs. Frank Crippen.

HOUSEHOULD MANUFACTURES.—3D DIVISION.

Whole number of entries 62. Bed Spreads 7; Quilts 23; Silk Quilts 16; Patchwork 8; Miscellaneous 10.

Best Bed Spreads, Mrs. E. H. Hustead, Egremont,	$4
2d do., Mrs. K. M. Brown, Great Barrington,	3
3d do., Mrs. Nellie Guerin, Otis,	2
4th do., Mrs. William Abbott, Sheffield,	1
Best Quilt, Mrs. H. B. Rounds, Egremont,	5
2d do., Mrs. S. M. Aken, Great Barrington,	4
3d do., Miss Lucia Peck, Sheffield,	3
4th do., Mrs. John Huggins, Sheffield,	2
5th do., Miss Esther Gifford, Great Barrington,	1
Best Silk Quilt, Miss A. Trimper, Pittsfield,	5
2d do., Mrs. D. J. Dodge, Pittsfield,	4
3d do., Mrs. E. R. Joyner, Egremont,	3
4th do., Mrs. Donna Couch, Adams,	2
5th do.. Miss Nellie Kilmer, Lee,	1
Best Patchwork done by girls not more than 12 years old, Miss Sadie Smith Great Barrington,	3
2d do., Bessie Merrifield, Sheffield,	2
3d do., May Brown, Lenox,	1

DISCRETIONARY.

Bedspreads, Mrs. Martin Slawson, Pittsfield,	1
Mrs. H. H. Hoadley, Sheffield,	1
Mrs. S. Cross, Becket,	1
Quilts, Mrs. F. S. Crippen, Sheffield,	1
Miss Mary Arnold, Pittsfield,	1
Mrs. J. Kenyon, Otis,	1
Mrs. G. M. Beach, Otis,	1
Mrs. E. E. Newman, Egremont,	1
Mrs. Olidine Tobey, Egremont,	1
Mrs. John Spencer, West Stockbridge,	1
Silk Quilts, Mrs. O. T. Higley, Becket,	1
Mrs. Julius Hall, Great Barrington,	1
Mrs. I. M. Rees, West Stockbridge.	1
Mrs. H. A. Batterson, Great Barrington,	1
Mrs. H. C. Train. Sheffield.	1
Little Girl's Patchwork, Carrie Tripp, Sheffield,	1
Ella Rowe, Alford,	1
Lucy M. Messenger, Becket,	1
Lala A. Messenger, Becket,	1
Sofa Pillow, Mrs. Albert Hoag, Mill River,	1
Patchwork by lady 88 years, Betsey Stanard, New Marlboro,	1
Covering for Sofa Pillow, Miss Lizzie Bidwell, Becket,	1
Patchwork by lady 85 years, Mrs. Eliza Roys, New Marlboro,	1
" " 80 years, Mrs. S. Hollenbeck, Egremont,	1

COMMITTEE.—Mrs. W. H. Bolton, Mrs. William Stevens, Mrs. D. W. Blakeslee.

PAINTING, DRAWING, ETC.

Whole number of entries 33. Oil Painting 23; Painting in Water Colors 5; Crayon Drawing 4; Pencil drawing 1.

Best Specimen Oil Painting, Anna B. Foote, Lee,	$5
2d do., Miss Isabella Cass, Great Barrington,	4
3d do., Miss Julia Moffatt, West Stockbridge,	3
Best Specimen Painting in Water Colors, Miss A. L. Pixley, Great Barrington,	4
2d do., Mrs. G. A. Holland, Pittsfield,	3
3d do.. Burt Roys, Sheffield,	2
Best Crayon Drawing, Anna B. Foote, Lee,	3
2d do., Sophie Curtiss, Sheffield,	2
3d do., Blanche Oles, Tyringham,	1

Best Pencil Drawing, Anna B. Foote, Lee,	$3
Oil Painting, Discretionary, M. E. Loring, Sheffield,	2
R. C. Quixey, Lenox,	2
Mrs. G. A. Holland, Pittsfield,	2
John H. C. Church, Great Barrington,	2
Minnie Platt, West Stockbridge,	2
Kitty Bacon, Great Barrington,	1
Gertrude DeWolf, Lee,	1
Crayon discretionary, Maria Louise Church, Great Barrington,	1

COMMITTEE.—W. B. Peck, Mrs. C. E. Callender, Mrs. W. C. Dalzell.

WAX, HAIR, FEATHER, CARVED AND SAWED WORK.

Whole number of entries 24. Fruit or Flowers, wax 1; Hair Work 3; Feather Work 3; Carved Work 1; Sawed Work 1; Miscellaneous goods 15.

Best Wax Fruit or Flower Work, Miss A. L. Pixley, Great Barrington,	$3
Best Hair Work, Mrs. George Shelley, Sheffield,	3
2d do., Mrs. J. E. Hollenbeck, Egremont,	2
3d do., Mrs. M. E. Cowles, Sheffield,	1
Best Feather Work, Mrs. J. L. Burgett, Great Barrington,	3
2d do., Miss J. A. Karner, Egremont.	2
Best Carved Work, George Moon, Sheffield,	2
Best Fancy Sawed Work, Fred DeBell, Alford.	2

DISCRETIONARY.

Feather Flowers, Miss A. L. Pixley, Great Barrington,	1
Wreath Immortelles, Mrs. J. E. Hollenbeck Egremont,	1
Fancy Basket and Pin Ball, Mrs. DeWitt Monson, Monterey,	1
Fancy Basket Raveled Work, Mrs. Joel Pease, Becket,	1
Scrap Book, Walter Crippen, Sheffield,	1
Scrap Book, Edith Vosburg, Sheffield,	1
Collection of Cards, Miss A. L. Pixley, Great Barrington,	1
Sea Weed Book, Mrs. Billings Johnson, Egremont,	2
Coral Anchor, Sadie Little, Sheffield.	1
Worsted Flowers. Lucia Peck, Sheffield,	1
Fancy Work Basket, Dutcher & Dresser, Sheffield,	1
Collection of Insects, Mrs. S. H. Buckbee, Great Barrington,	1
2 cases Animals, Mrs. E. F. Wilms, Great Barrington,	3

COMMITTEE.—S. W. Wright, Mrs. C. F. Brown, Mrs. B. F. Wheeler.

NEEDLE AND WORSTED EMBROIDERY.

Whole number of entries 44. Needlework by non-professionals 16; Worsted Embroidery by non-professionals 10: Needlework by experts or professionals 1; Worsted Embroidery by experts or professionals 0; Miscellaneous 17.

Best Needlework by non-professionals, A. R. Turner, Great Barrington,	$5
2d do., Miss A. Trimper, Pittsfield,	4
3d do., Mrs. W. H. Snow, Becket,	3
4th do., Mrs. Henry Y. Leavitt, Great Barrington,	2
Best Worsted Embroidery by non-professionals, Miss A. Trimper, Pittsfield,	4
2d do., Mrs. G. W. Mellen, Great Barrington,	3
3d do., Miss Lizzie Decker, Great Barrington,	2
4th do., Mrs. C. H. Wells, Hancock,	1

DIRCRETIONARY.

Miss Kate Devanney, Pittsfield,	1
Miss H. Nichols, Pittsfield,	1
Miss Alice Luka, Great Barrington,	1
Miss Leyoras, Great Barrington,	1
Mary Walker, New Marlboro,	1
Miss Claud Buell, Great Barrington.	1
Mary H. Candee, Sheffield	2
Miss A. A. Rice, Great Barrington,	1

Mrs. C. H. Wells, Hancock,	$1
Mrs. W. G. Karner, Pittsfield,	1
Mrs. Ada Crosier, Washington,	1
Mrs. Lizzie Small, Great Barrington,	1
Mrs. G. M. Beach, Otis,	1
Mrs. G. M. Beach, Otis,	2
Miss Lottie Mercer, Pittsfield,	1
Miss C. E. Gorham, Great Barrington,	2
Miss Agnes W. Canning, Stockbridge,	2
Miss Libbie A. Bronson, Sheffield,	2
Mrs. George W. Lester, Great Barrington,	1
Mrs. William Abbott, Sheffield,	1
Mrs. J. Kenyon, Otis,	2
Mary Arnold, Pittsfield,	1

COMMITTEE.—Mrs. H. L. Rowe, Mrs. Andrus, Miss A. A. Rice.

KENSINGTON AND SILK EMBROIDERY.

Whole number of entries 63. Kensington Embroidery 27; Silk Embroidery 18; Miscellaneous 18.

Best Kensington Embroidery by non-professional, Mrs. H. A. Cone, Great Barrington,	$5
2d do., Mrs. L. L. Atwood, Pittsfield,	4
3d do., Mrs. E. R. Karner, Adams,	3
4th do., Mrs. N. J. Lawton, Pittsfield,	2
Best Kensington by experts, Miss Eva Bates, Pittsfield,	5
2d do,, Miss A. Trimper, Pittsfield,	3
Discretionary Kensington, Mrs. Gen. Barnard, Sheffield,	3
Miss May Buell, Great Barrington,	2
Mrs. O. S. Higley, Becket,	1
Best Silk Embroidery by non-professional, Mrs. A. R. Taylor, Egremont,	4
2d do., O. S. Higley, Becket,	3
3d do., Mrs. C. Hyde, Lee,	2
4th do., Miss Susie Wright, Great Barrington,	1
Best Silk Embroidery by experts, Miss A. Trimper, Pittsfield,	4
2d do., Mrs. John C. New, Great Barrington,	2
Discretionary Silk Embroidery Mrs. Joseph Kenyon, Otis,	2
Mrs. Gen. Barnard, Sheffield,	1

DISCRETIONARY—MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs. H. McNeil, Great Barrington,	2
Mrs. L. M. Joyner, Egremont, Portiere Table Cover.	2
Mrs. W. J. Karner, Egremont, Outline,	2

COMMITTEE.—A. S. Fassett, Mrs. Marcus E. Tobey, Mrs. James A. Bryan.

Your Committee would recommend that the Society adhere strictly to the rules, that all entries made in this department by professionals be so recorded, or ruled out from competing with non-professionals, as we found but one entry recorded by professionals.

CROCHET, KNIT AND TATTING WORK.

Whole number of entries 83. Crochet Work 45: Knit Work 35; Tatting 3.

The handiwork of the ladies has come to be an important feature of our annual fair. Take out of the exhibition the exquisitely beautiful productions of their fingers displayed here and its charm and attractiveness would be greatly lessened. We deem it a cause of self-congratulation to the society that its members have appreciated this fact, as also the importance of skillfulness in this direction in brightening the monotony of every day living, so far as to

offer sufficient premiums to draw out the extensive competition which we had this year. It is a branch worthy of encouragement, and that it has been given is shown by the increase in the number of well constructed articles entered, and the usefulness and good results is proved by the raising of the standard of excellence. If there has been a continued improvement in the annual exhibit on the grounds, that in the hall has kept pace with it. We are glad to be able to report the largest exhibition ever made in this department, which ever full, was filled almost to overflowing with articles of utility and ornamentation representing beauty, excellence and ingenuity. Only the committee could really appreciate the merits on account of the limited space available for their display, but marked progress is very apparent. In neither crochet work, knit work, nor tatting can the imagination or poetic feelings of the worker interpret themselves as in the fine arts, but the humblest article may bespeak substantial traits of character; in the fine taste, neatness and painstaking accuracy manifest in its preparation. What the result of this increase may be, cannot be foreseen. There may be a tendency to extravagance, as the materials used for fancy work are expensive, but we think our ladies will not go beyond what their purses will easily permit and the effect promised is refinement of taste and the intensifying of the desire to execute simple work in a neat and artistic manner. But in this special department there is not necessity for extravagant expenditure, but the result of effort depends upon the arrangement, choice of patterns, proper quality of materials and efficiency in execution. The relations between beauty and serviceableness are being learned and that because an article is designed for use it does not serve a better purpose by being made displeasing to the eye, but on the contrary when the two are combined the results may be two fold.

A definite description of the work cannot be given conveniently even if it were desirable, but not a poorly made article competed for premiums. Tatting seems to have lost favor, in consequence of its lack of durability; the thread is so much worn by being worked that it does not wear well. There were only three specimens, and these were very evenly and smoothly made. The forty-two entries of crochet work and thirty-five of knit work presented a charming, and in the way of selecting the best, a very formidable array. There were soft fleecy shawls and filmy laces, and heavy garments, warm scarfs, mittens and stockings, reminding of the approach of cold winter, delicate, web-like articles bringing mental pictures of the cosy home made bright, attractive and home-like, by the bits of fancy work, tastefully distributed and the pretty articles which complete the attire of the occupants, and all these little matters have more weight of influence in developing these lives than we should dream of, and in strengthening that home love which is one of the American supports.

Your committee considered that articles worked in thread, wool, silk, and macreme cord could not justly be compared with each oth-

er and so formed classes for each and awarded premiums from the money placed in their hands to be used at their discretion.

Best Crochet Work, Sadie Champlin, Otis,	$4
2d do., Mrs. J. Kenyon, Otis,	3
3d do., Mrs. Gen. Barnard, Sheffield,	2
4th do., Miss Emma Hayes, Great Barrington.	1
Best Knit Work, Miss L. E. Lindsey, Sheffield,	4
2d do., Mrs. W. Abbott, Sheffield,	3
3d do., Miss Nellie Guerin, Otis,	2
4th do., Miss L. A. Laprise, Stockbridge,	1
Best Tatting, Miss Julia Stafford, Stockbridge,	3
2d do., Miss Alice Luka, Great Barrington,	2
3d do., Mrs. G. M. Beach, Otis,	1
Best Worsted Crochet Work, Lillian Wickwire, Sheffield,	3
2d do., Mrs. C. C. Beecher, Great Barrington,	2
3d do., Miss Susie Wright, Great Barrington,	2
4th do., Mrs. E. F. Barnes, West Stockbridge,	1

DISCRETIONARY—CROCHET MACREME.

Miss Minnie Ford, Stockbridge,	2
Mrs. C. P. Woodruff, West Stockbridge,	1
Mrs. L. Richardson, Sandisfield,	1
Mrs. H. McNeil, Great Barrington,	1
Worsted Knitting Mrs. C. A. W. Tolman, Pittsfield,	1
Mrs. T. J. Pell, Great Barrington,	1
Miss May Buell, Great Barrington,	1
Miss Lizzie Nichols, Richmond,	1
Mrs. M. Wheeler, Richmond,	1
Silk Work, Albertina Frein, Great Barrington,	1
Miss Mary Arnold, Pittsfield,	1
Mrs. Mary Harrison, Hancock,	1
Mrs. J. F. Wheeler, Richmond,	1
Crochet Work, Miss Lizzie Bidwell, Becket,	1
Mrs. W. L. Abbott, Sheffield,	1
Katie Baldwin, New Marlboro.	1

COMMITTEE.—Miss Cora A. Potts, Mrs. Horace Z. Cande, Miss Carrie A. Williams.

LACE, BEAD, DRAWN WORK, DARNING AND MENDING.

Whole number of entries 27. Hand-made Lace 0; Bead Work 4; Drawn Work 11; Darning and Mending of Clothes 12.

Best specimen of Bead Work, Mrs. G. W. Beach, Otis,	$3
2d do., Lizzie Decker, Great Barrington,	2
3d do., Miss Jennie Noyear, Great Barrington,	1
Best specimen Drawn Work, M. E. Scoville, Egremont,	3
2d do., Miss A. Trimper, Pittsfield,	2
3d do., Mrs. Henry Joyner, Sheffield,	1
Best Specimen Darning, Miss Kate Devanny, Pittsfield,	2
2d do., Mrs. W. L. Abbott, Sheffield,	1
Best specimen Mending Clothes Mrs. William Stevens, Sheffield,	2
2d do., Mrs. H. T. Potts, Egremont,	1

DISCRETIONARY.

Bead Watch Case, Ora Snow, Becket,	1
Darning, Mrs. Myron Rowe, Egremont,	1
Drawn Work, Mrs. T. J. Ferguson, Great Barrington,	1
Miss Claude Buell, Great Barrington,	1
Mrs. W. G. Karner, Pittsfield,	1
Mrs. W. L. Abbott, Sheffield,	1

Darning, Miss Sadie Champlin, Otis, 1
Mrs. A. E. Benton, New Marlboro, 1
Mending, Mrs. M. J. Busby, Monterey, 1
Drawn Work, Miss M. French, Sheffield, 1
Mrs. E. F. Barnes, West Stockbridge, 1
Miss Abbey Pixley, Great Barrington, 1
Darning, Minnie Ford, Stockbridge, 1
Miss Minnie Platt, West Stockbridge, 1

COMMITTEE.—Mrs. Frank O. Andrus, Miss Angie Rice, Mrs. Mary L. Rowe.

BUTTER.

Whole number of entries 8.

Best twenty pounds Butter, Lester T. Osborne, Alford, $8

Statement of the method by which the butter entered by me was manufactured: 1st. Cream was raised by open setting, the milk standing twenty-four hours, being kept at temperature of about 60. The cream stands until slightly sour and then churned at a temperature of 60, the cream is washed down with a little cold water as it is about to come. After the buttermilk is turned off the butter is washed with cold water and then taken up and salted one ounce of salt to each pound of butter. After the salt is thoroughly worked in, the butter stands about twelve hours when it is worked and packed for market.

LESTER T. OSBORNE, Alford, Mass.

2d do., Mrs. Austin Holian, Sheffield, $7

Milk set in ten quart cans, stands thirty-six hours, churned in Hopkin's churn, one-half ounce of salt to the pound. Butter stands twenty-four hours then worked and packed. MRS. AUSTIN HOLIAN, Great Barrington.

3d do., Mrs. E. B. Tyrrell, Egremont, $6

This butter was made from grade Jersey cows, milk set in common shallow pans, after standing thirty-six hours was skimmed and churned in a dash churn, butter washed, salted about three-fourths of an ounce to a pound of butter. After standing twenty-four hours, then worked again and packed.

MRS. E. M. TYRREL, Egremont, Mass.

4th do., D. W. Merrifield, Sheffield, $5

This butter was made from Native cows, the milk set in a Moseley Creamery allowed to stand twenty-four hours, the cream when slightly acid is churned in a Stoddard churn and the butter salted with three-fourths of an ounce of salt to one pound butter. Butter is worked with a ladle and packed.

D. W. MERRIFIELD, Sheffield, Mass.

5th do., J. L. Millard, Egremont, $4

The butter offered by me for premium was made from the milk of Native cows set in deep cans in running water. Cream taken off after standing twenty-four hours, churned when slightly acid in dash churn. When it comes in grains the buttermilk is drawn off, the butter washed in cold water, then laid upon Reid's butter worker when three-fourths of an ounce of salt to the pound is worked in. Allowed to stand twelve hours, worked again and packed.

J. L. MILLARD, Egremont, Mass.

6th do., Mrs. L. Hulett, Sheffield, $3

Care has been taken to keep the milk in a clean room, cows have been allowed to eat no weeds. Temperature of cream when churned fifty-five degrees Fahr. Butter was rinsed in pure water, salted very little, worked carefully to not injure the texture. MRS. L. HULETT, Sheffield, Mass.

7th do., J. J. Hart, New Marlboro, $2

Common and Grade cows, made in Cooley Creamery and churned in Prize churn. Three-fourths of an ounce of salt to pound of butter with no coloring.

J. J. HART, New Marlboro, Mass.

8th do., B. F. Baldwin, Egremont, $1

Milk set in pans, after standing from twenty-four to thirty-six hours skimmed and churned in a dash churn, butter washed and salted one ounce of salt to a pound of butter. B. F. BALDWIN, Egremont, Mass.

COMMITTEE.—S. A. Hickox, Frank S. Pitcher, R. Bronson.

CHEESE.

Whole number of entries 9. 25 pounds Cheese 6; 100 pounds Factory-made 1; Sage Cheese 2.

Best 25 lbs. of Cheese, Mrs. O. W. Cone, Sandisfield,	$6
2d do., Mrs Orrin Clark, Sheffield,	5
3d do., Mrs. Warren Candee, Sheffield,	4
4th do., Miss Charlotte Fargo, Monterey,	3
5th do., Mrs. R. H. Bradford, Egremont,	2
6th do., Mrs. Edward H. Slater, Tyringham,	1
Best 100 pounds Factory-made Cheese, J. F. Lawton, Great Barrington.	6
Best Sage Cheese, Mrs. Amos Smith, Tyringham,	1
2d do., Mrs. O. W. Cone, Sandisfield,	1

COMMITTEE.—Dyer Stanard, Robert A. Potts, Charles Spur.

WHITE BREAD AND BISCUIT.

Whole number of entries 84. White Bread 50; Biscuit 34.

Best specimen White Bread, Mrs. Wright Crippen, Sheffield,	$4
2d do., Mrs. Harvey Roys, Sheffield,	3
3d do., Mrs. B. N. Clark, Sheffield.	2
4th do., Mrs. A. R. Taylor, Egremont,	2
5th do., Mrs. James Kelley, Great Barrington,	1
6th do., Mrs. Nora Cronan, Great Barrington,	1
Best specimen of Biscuit, Mrs. A. R. Taylor, Egremont,	4
2d do., Mrs. E. F. Barnes, West Stockbridge,	3
3d do., Mrs. F. M. Fellows, Great Barrington,	2
4th do., Mrs. H. S. Langdon, Great Barrington,	1
Discretionary, Mrs. Benton E. Stoddard, Alford,	1
Mrs. Henry Davis, Great Barrington,	1
Mrs. William I. Walker, Great Barrington,	1
Mrs. Harvey Roys, Sheffield,	1
Miss Carrie Bunce, West Stockbridge,	1

COMMITTEE.—E. E. Barnes, Miss Julia E. Reed, Mrs. Ellen J. Beebe.

RYE, BROWN AND GRAHAM BREAD.

Whole number of entries 45. Rye Bread 17; Brown Bread 14: Graham Bread 14.

Best specimen of Rye Bread, Mrs. Abner Roys, Sheffield,	$3
2d do., Mrs. W. H. Snow, Becket,	2
3d do., Mrs. L. Hulett, Sheffield,	1
Best specimen of Brown Bread, Mrs. J. N. Warner, Sheffield,	3
2d do., Mrs. B. N. Clark, Sheffield,	2
3d do., Mrs. H. B. Rounds. Egremont,	1
Best specimen of Graham Bread, Mrs. A. R. Taylor, Egremont,	3
2d do., Miss Lillian Potts, Egremont,	2
3d do., Mrs. H. B. Cross, Sheffield,	1
Discretionary on Rye, Mrs. D. N. Fuller, Great Barrington,	1
Brown, Mrs. A. R. Taylor, Egremont,	1
Mrs. C. F. Brown, Egremont,	1
Graham, Mrs. D. C. Millard, Egremont,	1

COMMITTEE.—L. P. Keyes, Mrs. J. B. Walker, Mrs. J. D. Burtch.

MAPLE SUGAR, SYRUP AND HONEY.

Whole number of entries 33. Twenty pounds Maple Sugar 5; Quart of Maple Syrup 21; five pounds of Honey 7.

Best twenty pounds Maple Sugar, G. H. Wheeler, Monterey,	$3
2d do., Mrs. H. W. Sheldon, New Marlboro,	2
3d do., Miss L. B. Jenks, Stockbridge,	1
Best Quart of Maple Syrup, Mrs. J. W. Ford, Sheffield,	3
2d do., G. H. Wheeler, Monterey,	2
3d do., Mrs. W. J. Clark, Sheffield,	1

Best five pounds Honey, Milford P. Roys, Sheffield, $3
2d do., Amos Smith, Sheffield. 2
3d do., Etta I. Slater, Tyringham, 1
COMMITTEE.—H. W. Palmer, George A. Shepard, A. W. Merrill.

FLOWERS AND HOUSE PLANTS.

Whole number of entries 66. Potted Plants, by professional, 1; Cut flowers, by professionals, 2; Potted Plants, by non-professionals, 5; Cut Flowers, by non-professionals, 16; Floral Designs 3; Pansies 3; Verbenas 5; Geraniums 3; roses 1; Foliage Plants 3; Asters 5; Gladiolus 2; Wild Flowers 15; Grasses 2.

Best display of Potted Plants, by professional, Mrs. J. M. Mackie, Great Barrington, $5
Best display Cut Flowers, Mrs. J. M. Mackie, Great Barrington. 3
Best display Potted Plants by competitor, non-professional, Mrs. Dwight Andrews, Sheffield, 5
2d do., Mrs. Ralph Little, Sheffield, 3
Best display Cut Flowers, by non-professional, Mrs. Emily Clark, Sheffield, 3
2d do., Mrs. Orrin Clark, Sheffield, 2
Best Floral Designs Mrs. J M. Mackie, Great Barrington, 3
2d do., Mrs. Hopkins T. Cande, Sheffield, 2
Best collection Pansies, Miss Sadie A. Little, Sheffield, 2
2d do., Mrs. Charles Spur, Sheffield, 1
Best collection Verbenas, Mrs. H. L. Rowe, Egremont, 2
2d do., Mrs. Henry Dresser, Great Barrington, 1
Best collection Geraniums, Mrs. Z. Cande, Sheffield, 2
2d do., Mrs. Orrin Clark, Sheffield, 1
Best collection Foliage Plants, by professional, Mrs. J. M. Mackie, Great Barrington, 2
2d do., Mrs. E. C. Ticknor, Alford, 1
Best collection Asters, Miss Alice Boardman, Sheffield, 2
2d do., Miss Georgie A. Hall, Monterey, 1
Best collection Gladiolus, Mrs. E. C. Ticknor, Alford, 2
2d do., Mrs. Ralph Little, Sheffield, 1
Best collection of Wild Flowers, Miss E. Potts, Egremont, 2
2d do., Miss Nellie Doty, Sheffield, 1

MISCELLANEOUS.

Design, N H. Bolton, Alford, 2
Cut Flowers, Mrs. Ralph Little, Sheffield, 1
Cut Flowers, Mrs. H. L. Rowe, Egremont, 1
Aster Design, Mrs. J. Schufelt, Alford, 1
Harp, Mrs. Dwight Andrews, Sheffield, 2
Wild Flowers, Miss Hattie Brewer, New Marlboro, 1
Collection of Dahlias, Mrs. C. C. Beecher, Great Barrington, 1
Wild Flowers, Mrs. E. Balch, Sheffield, 1
Ivy Plant, Mrs. E. F. Wilms, Great Barrington, 1
Cut Flowers, Miss Georgie A. Hall, Monterey, 1
Cross, Dried Grasses, Miss J. L. Andrews, Sheffield, 1
Collection dried Grasses, Miss Hattie Clark, Sheffield, 1
COMMITTEE.—John Thompson, Mrs. Clark W. Bryan, Mrs. J. N. Warner.

FRUITS.—1ST DIVISION

Whole number of entries 7. Fall Apples 4; Varieties of Fruit 3.

Best specimen Fall Apples, Charles Spur, Sheffield, $4
2d do., F. H. Baker, Great Barrington, 3
3d do., Z. Cande, Sheffield, 2
4th do., E. L. Heath, Stockbridge, 1
Best variety of Fruits, Charles Spur, Sheffield, 10
2d do., Z. Cande, Sheffield, 8
3d do., Dwight Andrews, Sheffield, 6
COMMITTEE.—Dwight Boardman, John Q. A. Race, E. W. Rhoades.

FRUITS.—2d Division.

Whole number of entries 17.

Best specimen Winter Apples, Dwight Boardman, Sheffield,	$6
2d do., H. Z. Cande, Sheffield,	5
3d do., Charles Spur, Sheffield,	4
4th do., Dwight Andrews, Sheffield,	3
5th do., J. N. Warner, Sheffield,	2
6th do., Henry Clark, Sheffield,	1

Committee.—S. L. Sheldon, E. M. Holmes, John L. Burgett.

FRUITS.—3d Division.

Whole number of entries 32. Peaches 7; Pears 5; Single Variety of Pears 10; Plums, 2; Single Variety of Plums 4; Quinces 3; Cranberries 1.

Best specimen Peaches R. H. Bradford, Egremont,	$3
2d do., R. A. Potts, Egremont,	2
3d do., C. F. Phelps, Stockbridge,	1
Best specimen Pears, H. Z. Cande, Sheffield,	5
2d do., Ralph Little, Sheffield,	4
3d do., Charles Spur, Sheffield,	3
4th do., J. N. Warner, Sheffield,	2
5th do., E. L. Heath, Stockbridge,	1
Best Single Variety of Pears, R. F. Little, Sheffield,	3
2d do., T. H. Fenn, Lee,	2
3d do., R. F. Little, Sheffield,	1
Best specimen Plums, Z. Cande, Sheffield,	3
2d do., T. H. Fenn, Lee,	2
Best Single Variety Plums, H. Z. Cande, Sheffield,	2
2d do., J. N. Warner, Sheffield,	1
Best specimen of Quinces, R. H. Race, Egremont,	3
2d do., J. N. Warner, Sheffield,	2
3d do., R. H. Bradford, Egremont,	1
Best specimen Cranberries Edward B. Cross,	1
Blackberries, Harvey Roys, Sheffield,	1
Red Raspberries, Mrs. Belle E. Race, Egremont,	1
For three plates Peaches L. Hullett, Sheffield,	1
Peaches, J. W. Ford, Stockbridge,	1
Pears, R. H. Bradford, Egremont,	1

Committee.—H. Garfield, George Parrish, Charles E. Heath.

FRUITS.—4th Division.

Whole number of entries 6. Grapes raised in open air 5; grapes raised under glass 1.

Best specimen Grapes raised in open air, Charles Spur, Sheffield,	$5
2d do., J. N. Warner, Sheffield,	4
3d do., George F. Bartholomew, Sheffield,	3
4th do., B. F. Phillips, Sheffield,	2
Best specimen Grapes raised under glass. Mrs. John H. Coffing, Great Barrington,	4

Committee.—John B. Hull, John Hughes, Levi Boardman.

FRUITS.—5th Division.

Whole number of entries 5. Best specimen Dried Fruits 1; Best specimen Canned Fruit 1: Best specimen Pickles 3.

Best specimen Dried Fruit, Mrs. Harvey Roys, Sheffield.	$3
Best specimen Canned Fruit, Mrs. John S. Spencer, West Stockbridge,	3
2d do., Mrs. E. D. Shears, Sheffield,	2
Best specimen Pickles, Mrs. Edgar D. Shears, Sheffield,	3
2d do., Miss Grace Cande, Sheffield,	2

Committee—Mrs J. C. Taylor, Mrs. George H. Wheeler, Mrs. John D. Noxon.

MECHANICAL PRODUCTIONS.

Whole number of entries 13. Pleasure Harness 1 ; Farm Harness 1 ; Pleasure Carriages 0 ; Farm Wagon 1 ; Miscellaneous 10.

We respectfully call your attention to the display of stoves, from which the rules of the Society prohibit the bestowal of a worthy premium, and yet it is an article that occupies a prominent position in every household. The exhibit on both sides were very fine. Mr. S. A. Seeley in particular, displayed some with all the latest improvements, which we think were very fine indeed, namely the Paris Grand Parlor stove and the famous Paris Range, the workings of which are the most complete in all its combinations that we ever saw. Agricultural implements have had their laurel crown, let the domestic have equal recognition.

Best Pleasure Harness, A. J. Hunt, Great Barrington,	$4
2d Best Farm Harness, A. J. Hunt, Great Barrington,	3
2d Best Farm Wagon, W. E. Sabin, Egremont,	4

MISCELLANEOUS.

Buck-board Wheels, H. Easland, Great Barrington,	3
Ox Yoke, Dwight Boardman, Sheffield,	2
Monumental display, F. O. Andrus, Sheffield,	6
Ax Helves, Austin Lindsey, Sheffield,	1
Flails, M. G. Hall, Great Barrington,	1
Ax Helves, M. G. Hall, Great Barrington,	1
Ax Helves, W. A. Hall, Monterey,	1
Flails, W. A. Hall, Monterey,	2
Specimen Buckskin, S. A. Turner, New Marlboro,	1

COMMITTEE.—James Shead, A. R. Loring, Clarence C. Roys.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

The Committee on Agricultural Implements report that while the number of entries were smaller than usual all those exhibited were well constructed and suitable to the work for which they were designed. Whole number of entries 14, comprising single and two-horse R. R. power, threshing machine and cleaner, wheel harrows and levelers, mowing machines, horse rakes, fanning mills, force pumps, wagons and carriages. There were no entries of plows, although samples were on exhibition of the Columbia and Hillsdale make, both well known in this region and liked by many who use them. The Remington force pump worked well in the hands of its active exhibitor, and will no doubt supply a want long felt by those who obtain their water supply from wells. We also noticed the La Dow pulverizing harrow and seed sower which has proved to be an efficient implement. Reed's packing box for shipping butter in small lots to market is an ingenious device and no doubt appreciated by those who deal in the "gilt edged" butter. Space will not permit of special mention of all the useful articles shown in this department, many of which could not be seen in operation. We are of the opinion that if premiums were offered more entries would be made and machinery would be shown actually at work, thus one could judge better of their comparative merits than is possible while they are standing idle.

COMMITTEE.—Robert L. Taft. Henry Burgett, Henry M. Baldwin.

ANIMALS.—1st Division.

FAT, WORKING, FAST WALKING AND DRAFT OXEN.

Whole number of entries 19. Fat Oxen 3; Working Oxen 10; Draft Oxen 5; Fast Walking Oxen 1.

Best Yoke Fat Oxen, Jared Lewis, Great Barrington,	$10
2d do., Jacob VanDeusen, Great Barrington,	8
3d do., F. K. Hinckley, Lee,	5
Best Yoke Working Oxen, George E. Hale, Tyringham,	10
2d do., Jacob VanDeusen, Great Barrington,	8
3d do., Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington,	6
4th do., William H. Hale, Tyringham,	5
5th do., Henry P. Fargo, Monterey,	4
Best Yoke Draft Oxen, William H. Hawley, Sandisfield,	8
2d do., H. A. Carpenter, Stockbridge,	6
3d do., Frank E. Giddings, Great Barrington,	4

Committee.—John B. Walker, Luther S. Butler, Theodore S. Baldwin.

ANIMALS.—2d Division.

THREE AND FOUR YEARS OLD AND NEAT STOCK.

Whole number of entries 12. Yoke of four-years-old Oxen 4: Three-years-old Steers 5; Best display of Native or Grade Neat Stock 3.

Best Yoke four-year-old Oxen (broke to labor) A. G. Sweet, Tyringham,	$8
2d do., Hiram Comstock, Great Barrington,	7
3d do., William H. Hale, Tyringham,	6
Best yoke three-year-old steers, (broke to labor), Elijah N. Hubbard, Great Barrington,	7
2d do., Zacheus Cande, Sheffield,	6
3d do., P. M. Shaylor, Lee.	5
4th., W. H. Minor, Monterey,	4
Best display of Native or Grade Neat Stock, Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington,	8
2d do., Jared Lewis, Great Barrington,	6
3d do., M. I. Wheeler, Great Barrington,	5

Committee.—John E. Merrill, George O. Peck, John M. Cooper.

ANIMALS.—3d Division.

TWO-YEARS-OLD, YEARLINGS AND BOYS TRAINED STEERS.

Whole number of entries 21. Two-year old Steers 2; Yearling Steers 2: Steers broke by boys 0; Grade Yearling Heifer 17.

Best pair two-year-old Steers, F. K. Hinckley, Lee,	$4
2d do., Oscar M. Hall, Great Barrington,	3
Best pair Yearling Steers, Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington,	4
2d do, Charles Shaylor, Lee,	3
Best Grade Yearling Heifer, W. W. Trask, West Stockbridge,	4
2d do., Albert H. Stickles, West Stockbridge,	3
3d do., Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington,	2
4th do., Warren Crissey, Great Barrington,	2
5th do., T. S. Baldwin, Egremont,	1

Committee.—William H. Day, George W. Stickles, William H. Murray.

ANIMALS—4th division.

MILCH, FAT, BUTTER AND DAIRY COWS.

Whole number of entries 49. Milch Cows 29; Fat Cows 1: Grade Butter Cows 11; Dairy Cows 8.

Best Milch Cow, T. S. Baldwin, Egremont,	$8
2d do., Nathan B. Curtiss, Stockbridge,	7
3d do., Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington,	6
4th do., Henry A. Tobey, Great Barrington,	5
5th do., William H. Day, Great Barrington,	5

Sixth best, B. W. Crissey, Great Barrington, $4
7th do., Joseph A. Kline, Egremont, 4
8th do.. H. C. Byington, Stockbridge, 3
9th do., Leonard Post, Alford, 2
10th do., W. M. Chapin, Sheffield, 1
Best Fat Cow, Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington, 6
Best Grade or Native Butter Cow, Charles Goodrich, Stockbridge, 5
2d do., T. S. Baldwin, Egremont, 4
3d do., M. I. Wheeler, Great Barrington, 3
4th do., H. C. Byington, Stockbridge, 2
Best five Dairy Cows, Warren Crissey, Great Barrington, 8
2d do., J. A. Kline, Egremont, 7
3d do., M. I. Wheeler, Great Barrington, 6
4th do., David C. Millard, Egremont, 5
5th do., H. C. Byington, Stockbridge, 4

COMMITTEE.—Lester T. Osborne, Noble B. Turner, George H. Kirby.

ANIMALS.—5TH DIVISION.

HEIFERS AND CALVES.

Whole number of entries 44. Two-year-old Heifer having had a calf 18; Two-year-old Heifer not having had a calf 8; Heifer Calf 13; Pair of Matched ed Calves 5.

Best two-year-old Heifer having had a calf, Mrs. John H. Coffiing, Great Barrington, $5
2d do., B. W. Crissey, Great Barrington, 4
3d do., W. W. Trask, West Stockbridge, 3
4th do., J. A. Kline, Egremont, 2
5th do., H. W. Crippen, Sheffield, 1
Best two-year-old Heifer not having had a calf, Jared Lewis, Great Barrington, 4
2d do., Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington, 3
3d do., Warren Crissey, Great Barrington, 2
4th do., John M. Cooper, Stockbridge, 1
Best Heifer Calf, Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington. 3
2d do., William H. Day, Great Barrington, 2
3d do., John M. Cooper. Stockbridge. 1
Best pair of Matched Calves Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington, 4
2d do., Jacob VanDeusen, Great Barrington, 3
3d do., E. N. Hubbard, Great Barrington. 2

COMMITTEE.—Henry L. Smith, N B. Curtiss, John M. Cooper.

ANIMALS.—6TH DIVISION.

STOCK COWS.

Whole number of entries 20. Best three Grade or Native Stock and Dairy Cows 4; Grade or Native Stock Cow, with one specimen of progeny at her side 16.

Best three Grade or Native Stock and Dairy Cows, Jared Lewis, Great Barrington, $8
2d do., Warren Crissey, Great Barrington, 6
3d do., William H. Day, Great Barrington. 4
Best Grade or Native Stock Cow, with one specimen of progeny at her side, Mrs. John H. Coffing, Great Barrington, 6
2d do., Henry Dresser, Great Barrington. 5
3d do., Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington. 4
4th do.. J. M. Cooper, Stockbridge. 3
5th do., Warren Crissey, Great Barrington, 2

COMMITTEE.—J. H. Rowley, Horace Z. Cande, William H. Sheldon.

ANIMALS.—7TH DIVISION.

DURHAM STOCK.

Whole number of entries 31. Bulls three years old 5; bulls under three years 4; Cows with progeny 7; Heifers two years old 2; heifers one year old3; Bull Calf 2; Heifer Calf 6; specimens of stock 2.

Best three-year-old Bull, F. K. Hinckley, Lee, $8
2d do., William S. Willcox, Sheffield, 6
3d do., William H. Hubbard, Great Barrington, 4
Best Bull under three years, P. G. Comstock, Great Barrington, 6
2d do., J. A. Kline, Egremont, 4
Best Cow and progeny, F. K. Hinckley, Lee, 6
2d do., William S. Willcox, Sheffield, 5
3d do., J. A. Kline, Egremont, 4
Best Heifer two year old, Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington, 5
2d do., J. A. Kline, Egremont, 4
Best yearling Heifer, William S. Willcox, Sheffield, 4
2d do., S. Newell, Great Barrington, 3
Best Bull Calf, Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington, 3
Best Heifer Calf, J. A. Kline, Egremont, 3
2d do., John M. Cooper, Stockbridge, 2
Best collection of Stock, William S. Willcox, Sheffield, 8

COMMITTEE.—Ezra Lasher, James Bullard, William H. Burgett.

ANIMALS.—8TH DIVISION.—JERSEY STOCK.

Whole number of entries 43. Bull three-years-old or over 5: Bull under three years old 4; Cow with specimen of progeny at her side 8; two-year-old Heifer 5; Yearling Heifer 7; Bull Calf 5; Heifer Calf 7; specimen Stock not less than four in number 2.

Best Bull, three years old or over, W. Clapp, Great Barrington, "Squanto," $8
2d do., Mrs. H. E. Leavitt, Great Barrington, "Glory of Brightside," 6
3d do., James Dewell, West Stockbridge, "Cornell Lee," 4
Best Bull under three years old, S. Newell, Great Barrington, "Grey Earl 2d," 6
2d do., J. M. Mackie, Great Barrington, "Pine Cliff Lenox," 4
Best Cow with specimen of progeny at her side, F. Hoffman, Stockbridge, "Princess Alexandria," 6
2d do,, S. Newell, Great Barrington, "Queen," 5
3d do., W. Clapp, Great Barrington, "Charm," 4
Best two-year-old Heifer, Parley A. Russell, "Ethel LeBrocq," 5
2d do., J. M. Mackie, Great Barrington, "Pine Cliff Dutchess," 4
Best yearling Heifer, P. A. Russell, Great Barrington 4
2d do., F. Hoffman, Stockbridge, "Cicero Tullia," 3
Best Bull Calf, Mark Humphrey, Great Barrington, 3
2d do., F. Hoffman, Stockbridge, 2
Best Heifer Calf, W. Clapp, Great Barrington, 3
2d J. M. Mackie, Great Barrington, "Gilt Aurora," 2
Best specimen of Stock, not less than four in number, P. A. Russell, Gt. Barrington, 8
2d do., J. M. Mackie, Great Barrington, 5

COMMITTEE.—Robert A. Potter, C. H. Shaylor.

ANIMALS.—9TH DIVISION.—AYSHIRE STOCK.

Whole number of entries 14. Best Bull three years old or over 1; best Bull three years old 1; best Cow with specimen progeny at her side 3; two-year-old Heifer 2; Yearling Heifer 3; Bull Calf 0; Heifer Calf 2; specimen Stock not less than four in number 2.

Best Bull three years old or over, T. L. Foote, Lee, $8
Best Bull under three years old, William I. Walker, Great Barrington, 6
Best Cow with specimen of progeny at her side, William I. Walker, Great Barrington 6
2d do., T. L. Foote, Lee, 5
Best two-year-old Heifer, T. L. Foote, Lee, 5
2d do., William I. Walker, Great Barrington, 4
Best Yearling Heifer, B. W. Crissey, Great Barrington, 4
2d do., T. L. Foote, Lee, 3
Best Heifer Calf, William I. Walker, Great Barrington, 3
2d do., T. L. Foote, Lee, 2
Best specimen Stock, not less that four in number, T. L. Foote, Lee, 8
2d do., William I. Walker, Great Barrington, 6

COMMITTEE.—Ralph I. Crissey, William S. Willcox, Frederick Abbey,

ANIMALS.—10TH DIVISION.

HOLSTEIN STOCK.

Whole number of entries 28. Bull three years old 0; Bull under three years 4; Cow with progeny 5; two-years-old Heifer 4; Yearling Heifer 5; Bull Calf 5; Heifer Calf 3; specimen of Stock 2.

On Bulls under three years your Committee would say that they were at a stand in awarding first honors but finally awarded as above on point of color. The stock shown were worthy, and do great credit to the breeders of Berkshire County, and your Committee would say that the competition in the classes was so close that we do not consider ourselves infallible in judgement or in the awards rendered.

Best Bull under three years, Warren Crissey, Great Barrington,	$6
2d do., Duane B. Dewey, Lenox,	4
Best Cow with progeny, Alonzo Bradley, Lee,	6
2d do., William M. Chapin, Sheffield,	5
3d do., N. B. Curtiss, Stockbridge,	4
Best two-years old Heifer, Alonzo Bradley, Lee,	5
2d do., W. H. Gibbons, Great Barrington,	4
Best Yearling Heifer, N. B. Curtiss, Stockbridge.	4
2d do., Alonzo Bradley, Lee,	3
Best Bull Calf, William M. Chapin, Sheffield,	3
3d do., P. M. Shaylor, Lee,	2
Best Heifer Calf, William M. Chapin, Sheffield,	3
2d do., N. B. Curtiss, Stockbridge,	2
Best specimen of Stock, Alonzo Bradley, Lee,	8
2d do., William M. Chapin, Sheffield,	6

COMMITTEE.—S. L. Warner, George Kellogg, M. S. Bidwell.

ANIMALS.—11TH DIVISION.

GUERNSEY STOCK.

Whole number of entries 15. Bull three years old or over 5; Bull under three years old 1; best Cow with specimen of progeny at her side 2; two-year-old Heifer 1; Yearling Heifer 1; Bull Calf 1; Heifer Calf 4; best specimen of Stock not less than four in number 2.

Best Bull three years old or over, J. H. Rowley, Egremont,	$8
2d do., M. I. Wheeler, Great Barrington,	6
3d do., James Bullard, Lee,	4
Best Cow with specimen of progeny at her side, L. V. N. Blakeman, Egremont,	6
2d do., Edward C. Sedgwick, Lenox,	5
Best two-year-old Heifer, Edward C. Sedgwick, Lenox,	5
Best Yearling Heifer, Edward C. Sedgwick, Lenox,	4
Best Bull Calf, L. V. N. Blakeman, Egremont,	3
Best Heifer Calf, Edward C. Sedgwick, Lenox,	3
2d do., M. I. Wheeler, Great Barrington,	2
Best specimen Stock not less than four in number, L. V. N. Blakeman, Egremont,	8

COMMITTEE.—S. A. Hickox, Grove Gaylord, John C. Taylor.

ANIMALS.—12TH DIVISION.

BLACK POLLED ANGUS STOCK.

Whole number of entries 2. Cow 1; Bull Calf 1.

Best Cow with progeny, Henry A. Tobey, Great Barrington,	$6
Best Bull Calf, Henry A. Tobey, Great Barrington,	3

COMMITTEE.—Ezra Lasher, expert, James Bullard, William H. Burgett.

ANIMALS.—13TH DIVISION.

RED POLLED NORFOLK STOCK.

Entries, none.

ANIMALS.—14TH DIVISION.

BOARS.

Whole number of entries 9. Berkshire 3; Chester 2; Cheshire 1; Essex 1: Poland China 0; Suffolk 0; Yorkshire 1; Grade 1.

Best Berkshire Boar, Daniel Bunce, Egremont,	$5
2d do., R. F. Little, Sheffield,	3
Best Essex Boar, M. I. Wheeler, Great Marrington,	5
Best Cheshire Boar, Henry L. Furgett, Egremont,	5
Best Yorkshire Boar, R. F. Little, Sheffield,	5
Best Grade Boar, Elisha Collins, Great Barrington,	5
Best Chester Boar, T. S. Baldwin, Egremont,	5
2d do., E. L. Boardman, Sheffield,	3

COMMITTEE.—M. V. Thompson, G. W. Hall, Edwin Adams.

ANIMALS.—15TH DIVISION.

SOWS AND PIGS.

Whole number of entries 10. Berkshire Sow and Pigs 2; Chester Sow and Pigs 1; Essex Sow and Pigs 0; Poland China Sow and Pigs 0; Suffolk Sow and Pigs 0; Yorkshire Sow and Pigs 1; Grade Sow and Pigs 6.

Best Berkshire Breeding Sow and Pigs, W. H. Gibbons, Great Barrington,	$5
Best Chester Sow and Pigs, Lester T. Osborne, Alford,	5
Best Grade Sow and Pigs, W. F, Conway, Sheffield,	5
2d do., Elisha Collins, Great Barrington,	3

Mrs. H. E. Leavitt of Great Barrington exhibited a fine Berkshire and R. F. Little of Sheffield a Yorkshire, but as no pigs were shown no premiums could be awarded.

COMMITTEE.—A. J. Freeman, John D. Blake, C. H. Yale.

ANIMALS.—16TH DIVISION.

LONG WOOL SHEEP.

Whole number of entries 17. Bucks 4; three Ewes 5; three Yearling Ewes 1; three Lambs 5; flock of 10 sheep 2.

Best Buck, O. H. Munson, Monterey,	$4
2d do., D. S. Busby, Monterey,	3
3d do., S. K. Williams, Alford,	2
Best three Ewes, O. H. Munson, Monterey,	5
2d do., Joel Baldwin, Great Barrington,	4
3d do., T. L. Foote, Lee,	3
Best three Yearling Ewes, O. H. Munson, Monterey,	3
Best three Lambs, O. H. Munson, Monterey.	3
2d do., J. E. Turner, Great Barrington,	2

COMMITTEE.—W. H. Palmer, O. A. Gibson, B. E. Stoddard.

ANIMALS.—17TH DIVISION.

SOUTH DOWN SHEEP.

Whole number of entries 26. Bucks 10; three Ewes 8; three Yearling Ewes 5; three Lambs 1; flock of ten Sheep 2.

Best Buck, Hiram Dings, Alford,	$5
2d do., Samuel Newell, Great Barrington,	4
3d do., Martin Brown, Egremont,	3
Best three Ewes, J. A. Kline, Egremont,	5
2d do., George W. Stickles, Alford,	4
3d do., William I. Walker, Great Barrington,	3
Best three Yearling Ewes, J. A. Kline, Egremont,	3
2d do., W. H. Palmer, Great Barrington,	2
3d do., R. M. Curtiss, Egremont,	1
Best three Lambs, Samuel Newell, Great Barrington,	3
2d do., W. I. Walker, Great Barrington,	2
3d do., Martin Brown Egremont,	1
Best Flock of ten Sheep, S. Newell, Great Barrington,	4

COMMITTEE.—H. A. Tobey, F. M. Olmstead, George R. Cooper.

ANIMALS.—18th Division.

HAMPSHIRE DOWN SHEEP.

Whole number of entries 16. Buck 5; three Ewes 4; three Yearling Ewes 1; three Lambs 5; flock of ten Sheep 1.

Best Buck, L. K. Kline, Egremont,	$5
2d do., Pratt Tobey, Great Barrington,	4
3d do., E. L. Boardman, Sheffield,	3
Best three Ewes, Pratt Tobey, Great Barrington,	5
2d do., Gilfred, Smith, Great Barrington,	4
3d do., L. K. Kline, Egremont,	3
Best three Yearling Ewes, L. K. Kline, Egremont.	3
Best three Lambs, T. L. Foot, Lee,	3
2d do., L. K. Kline, Egremont,	2
3d do., Gilfred Smith, Great Barrington,	1
Best Flock of 10 Sheep, L. K. Kline, Egremont,	4

Committee.—S. K. Williams, George S. Day, E. S. Merrell.

ANIMALS.—19th Division.

GRADE AND FAT SHEEP.

Whole number of entries 22. Three Grade Ewes 6; three Grade Yearling Ewes 2; three Grade Lambs 5; three Fat Sheep 7; flock of ten Sheep 2.

Best three Grade Ewes, Martin Brown, Egremont,	$5
2d do., George S. Day, Great Barrington,	4
3d do., George W. Stickles, Alford,	3
Best three Grade Yearling Ewes, J. E. Turner, Great Barrington,	3
2d do., William I. Walker, Great Barrington,	2
Best three Grade Lambs, Martin Brown, Egremont,	3
2d do., William I. Walker, Great Barrington,	2
3d do., Mrs. E. J. Beebe, Alford,	1
Best three Fat Sheep, Pratt Tobey, Great Barrington,	4
2d do., Martin Brown, Egremont,	3
3d do., S. K. Williams, Alford,	2
Best flock of ten Grade Sheep, J. E. Turner, Great Barrington.	4
2d do., Martin Brown, Egremont,	3

Committee.—F. A. Palmer, Dyer Wait, H. C. Rowley.

ANIMALS.—20th division.

MERINO AND FLOCKS OF SHEEP.

Whole number of entries 14. Merino Buck 4: Merino Ewes 2; yearling Ewes 1; Merino Lambs 4; ten Merino Sheep 1; flock of twenty Sheep 2.

Best Merino Buck, George S. Day, Great Barrington,	$5
2d do., William H. Day, Great Barrington,	4
3d do., William I. Walker, Great Barrington,	3
Best three Ewes, William H. Day, Great Barrington,	5
2d do., Martin Brown, Egremont,	4
Best three yearling Ewes, George S. Day, Great Barrington,	3
Best three Merino Lambs, William I. Walker, Great Barrington,	3
2d do., George S. Day, Great Barrington,	2
3d do., J. H. Rowley, Egremont,	1
Best flock of ten Merino Sheep, William H. Day, Great Barrington,	4
Best Flock of Sheep, not less than twenty, L. K. Kline, Egremont,	6
2d do., N. B. Turner, Great Barrington,	5

Committee.—T. L. Foote, Hiram Dings, Isaac Spurr.

ANIMALS.—21st Division.

FARM TEAMS, CARRIAGE HORSES AND BOYS' TRAINED COLTS.

Whole number of entries 26. Pair Farm Horses 14; Pair Team Horses 2; Pair Carriage Horses, 15¾ hands or over 4; Pair Carriage Horses, under 15¾ hands, 6; boys' trained Colts 0.

Best pair Farm Horses, P. M. Shaylor, Lee, $8
2d do., John G. Cropper, Great Barrington, 7
3d do., William H. Hubbard, Great Barrington, 6
4th do., L. V. N. Blakeman, Egremont, 5
5th do., Robert Kilmer, Great Barrington, 4
6th do., Albert M. Dowd, Monterey, 3
Best Pair Team Horses, W. E. Brewer, New Marlboro, 7
2d do., Eugene Miller, Egremont, 6
Best pair Carriage Horses, $15\frac{3}{4}$ hands or over, withheld under protest, Lyman H. Brusie, Egremont, 8
2d do., H. T. Cande, Sheffield, 5
Best Pair Carriage Horses under $15\frac{3}{4}$ hands. George A. Tuller, Great Barrington, 8
2d do., L. B. Brusie, Great Barrington, 5
COMMITTEE.—I. N. Tuttle, H. T. Potts, F. K. Hinckley.

ANIMALS.—22D DIVISION.

BREEDING MARES AND SUCKING COLTS.

Whole number of entries 16. Sucking Colt from Blooded Sire and Dam 4; Best Breeding Mare with Sucking Colt by her side not Blooded Stock 12.
Best Sucking Colt from Blooded Sire and Dam, A. H. Stickles, W. Stockbridge, $7
2d do., Parley A. Russell, Great Barrington, 6
Best Breeding Mare and Sucking Colt by her side, not Blooded Stock, L. B. Brusie, Great Barrington, 7
2d do., A. B. Derrick, Egremont, 6
3d do., M. J. Veasey, New Marlboro, 5
4th do., H. P. Fargo, Monterey, 4
COMMITTEE.—D. B. Dewey, E. N. Hubbard, W. A. Forbes, W. Crissey.

ANIMALS.—23D DIVISION.

STALLIONS, YEARLINGS AND STUD COLTS.

Whole number of entries 15. Stallions 2; Stud Colts 2; Yearling Colts 11.
Best Stallion, W. H. Palmer, Alford, $15
2d do., C. A. Brewer, West Stockbridge, 10
Best Stud Colt not over three years old, M. S. Bidwell, Monterey, 5
3d do., George H. Cobb, West Stockbridge, 3
Best Yearling Colt, Dwight Andrews, Sheffield, 5
2d do., William Mullen, Sheffield, 4
3d do., Dwight Boardman, Sheffield, 3
4th do., John C. Taylor, Great Barrington, 2
5th do., Warren Crissey, Great Barrington. 1
COMMITTEE.—H. W. Sheldon, C. G. Hinckley, John M. Buck.

ANIMALS.—24TH DIVISION.

TWO YEAR OLD AND THREE YEAR OLD COLTS.

Whole number of entries 31. Best two year old Colt 21; Best three year old Colt 10.
Best two year old Colt, Mare or Gelding, Edwin Hurlburt, Great Barrington, $5
2d do., B. W. Crissey, Great Barrington, 4
3d do., A. J. Winters, Tyringham 3
4th do., Stephen Baldwin, Egremont, 2
5th do., D C. Millard, Egremont, 1
Best three year old Colt, Mare or Gelding, E. H. Husted, Egremont, 5
2d do., Henry W. Burgett, Egremont, 4
3d do., John C. Taylor, Great Barrington, 3
4th do., Elisha Collins, Great Barrington, 2
5th do., Louis Schneider, Sheffield, 1
COMMITTEE.—Charles E. Slater, Jared Lewis, William Miner.

ANIMALS—25TH DIVISION.

FOUR YEAR OLDS.

Whole number of entries 6. Best Horse four years' old, and under, speed as well as other qualities to be considered, 6.

Best Horse, four-year-old and under, E. Hurlburt, Great Barrington, $7
2d do., R. F. Little, Sheffield, 5
COMMITTEE.—M. S. Heath, H. Calkins, F. W. Keyes.

ANIMALS.—26TH DIVISION.

Whole number entries, 25; Pairs Horses, 4; Single Horses, 21.
Best Pair Driving or Road Horses, I. W. Smith, Otis, $30
2d do., L. B. Brusie, Great Barrington, 20
3d do., W. S. Barnum, Great Barrington, 10

SUMMARY.

I. W. Smith, Otis, "Ethan" and mate,	1	1	1
L. B. Brusie Great Barrington, "Gold Coin," and mate,	2	2	2
W. S. Barnum, Great Barrington, "Doctor" and mate,	3	3	3

Time, 3:19, 3:09, 2:55½.

Best Single Horse that has never started in a race. Lyman H. Brusie, Egremont, (withheld,) $7
2d do., Frank Curtiss, Sheffield, 6
3d do., J. P. Carpenter, West Stockbridge, 5
4th do., John Verran, Lee, 3
5th do., L. B. Brusie, Great Barrington, 2
COMMITTEE.—D. P. Hamblin, William H. Palmer, George A. Tuller.

ANNIMALS.—27TH DIVISION.—TROTTING HORSES AND FOOT RACES.

THREE MINUTE CLASS.

Luther B. Brusie, "Susie Lee" $15
Edwin Hurlburt, "Flora Wilks," 10
William S. Barnum, "Doctor," 5

SUMMARY.

Luther B. Brusie, Great Barrington, b. m., "Susie Lee,"	1	1	1
Edwin Hurlburt, Great Barrington, ch. m., "Flora Wilkes,	2	2	2
William S. Barnum, br. g., "Doctor,"	3	3	3

Time, 3:06, 2:59, 3:04.

2:50 CLASS.

Irem W. Smith, Otis, br. g., "Billy B." $40
C. E. Morgan, Lee, b. m., "Nellie," 30

SUMMARY.

Irem W. Smith, Otis, "Billy B."	1	1	1
C. E. Morgan, Lee, "Nellie,"	2	2	2
W. N. Ellis, North Adams, "Nellie E."	drawn		

Time, 2:47½ 2:52 2:46.

2:35 CLASS, (in place of 2:40 Class that did not fill.)

J. J. Webster, Lee, b. g., "Volunteer Wilkes," $75
H. C. Phelps, Lee, b. g., "Frank Gilman," 50
W. H. Gross, Lee, blk. m. "Lady Sealskin" drawn

SUMMARY.

J. J. Webster, Lee, "Volunteer Wilkes,"	1	1	2	2	1
H. C. Phelps, Lee, "Frank Gilman,"	2	2	1	1	2
W. H. Gross, Lee, blk. m., "Lady Sealskin"	drawn				

Time, 2:46, 2:42, 2:44, 2:39½, 2:37½.

OPEN TO ALL CLASS.

J. J. Webster, Lee, ch. m., "Lucy Flemming," $100
H. C. Phelps, Lee., "b. g., Frank Gilman," 65
W. H. Gross, Lee, blk. m., "Lady Sealskin," 35

SUMMARY.

J. J. Webster, Lee, "Lucy Fleming,"	1	1	1
H. C. Phelps, Lee, "Frank Gilman,"	2	2	2
W. H. Gross, Lee, "Lady Sealskin,"	3	3	3

Time, 2:40, 2:38½, 2:27½.

FOOT RACE.—ONE-FOURTH MILE, SINGLE DASH.

Allen Daniels,	$4	Erwin Johnson,	$3
Patrick Welch,	2	Thomas Mooney,	1

Time, 58 Seconds.

POTATO RACE.

Cornelius Curtin, Sheffield,	$5	Edward Whitney, Otis,	$4
David Massey, Sheffield,	3	Erwin Johnson, Sheffield,	1
William Bronson, Sheffield,	1	John Connell, Sheffield,	1
William Markham, Sheffield,	1		

COMMITTEE.—A. L. Hubbell, John Stallman, Parley A. Russell.

POULTRY.—FIRST DIVISION.

The Committee on the First Division of Poultry, have hatched the following awards.

Largest and best exhibition of Poultry, comprising all entries by competitor, M. B. Kline, Egremont, $5
2d do., A. Dings, Alford, 3
Blackbreasted Red Game Bantams, M. B. Kline, Egremont, 2
2d do., A. Dings, Alford, 1
Brownbreasted Game Bantams, M. A. Dearing, Great Barrington, (withheld) 1
Golden Duckwing Bantams, M. A. Dearing, Great Barrington, (withheld) 2
Red Pile Game Bantams, M. A. Dearing, Great Barrington, (withheld,) 2
2d do., Walter Van Deusen, Sheffield, 1
Irish Gray Game Bantams, Townsend Wickwire, Sheffield, 1
White Pile Game Bantams, Walter Van Deusen, Sheffield, 1
Silver Duckwing Bantam, A. Dings, Alford, 2
2d do., J. Q. A. Race, Great Barrington, 1
Rosecomb White Bantams, A. Dings, Alford, 2
Whitecrested White Polish Bantams, M. A. Dearing, Great Barrington, (withheld,) 2
Silver Seabright Bantams, M. A. Dearing, Great Barrington, (withheld) 2
Goldlaced Seabright Bantams, M. B. Kline, Egremont, 2
Japanese Bantams, M. B. Kline, Egremont, 2
Light Brahmas, R. A. Holmes, Alford, 2
2d do., Best M. B. Kline, Egremont, 1
Dark Brahmas, M. B. Kline, Egremont, 2
Patridge Cochins, M. A. Dearing, Great Barrington, (withheld) 2
2d do., M. B. Kline, Egremont, 1
Buff Cochins, M. B. Kline, Egremont, 2
2d do., M. A. Dearing, Great Barrington, (withheld,) 1
American Dominiques, A. Dings, Alford, 2
2d do., M. B. Kline, Egremont, 1
Dominique Leghorns, M. B. Kline, Egremont, 2
Brown Leghorns, A. Dings, Alford, 2
2d do., Joseph Ramsey, Egremont, 1
Rosecomb Brown Leghorns, F. H. Kellogg, Sheffield, 2
2d do., Joseph Ramsey, Egremont, 1
Black Leghorns, A. H. Stickles, West Stockbridge, 2
2d do., M. A. Dearing, Great Barrington, (withheld) 1
White Leghorns, M. B. Kline, Egremont, 2
2d do., A. Dings, Alford. 1
Rosecomb Black Leghorns, A. H. Stickles, West Stockbridge, 2
Rosecomb White Leghorns, F. H. Kellogg, Sheffield, 2
Colored Dorkings, A. Dings, Alford, 2
White Dorkings, M. A. Dearing, Great Barrington, (withheld) 2
2d do., M. B. Kline, Egremont, 1
Brownbreasted Red Games, A. C. Bowen, Sheffield, 2
2d do., Townsend Wickwire, Sheffield, 1
Blackbreasted Red Games, M. A. Dearing, Great Barrington, (withheld) 2
2d do., J. Q. A. Race, Great Barrington, 1

Ginger Red Game, Gilfred Smith, Great Barrington,	$2
2d do., A. C. Bowen, Sheffield,	1
Brown Red Shawllaced Games, Townsend Wickwire, Sheffield,	2
Heathwood Games, J. Q. A. Race, Great Barrington,	2
Dominique Games, Townsend Wickwire, Sheffield,	1
Blue Games, Townsend Wickwire, Sheffield,	2
2d do.. A. C. Bowen, Sheffield,	1
White Georgia Games, J. Q. A. Race, Great Barrington,	2
Silver Duckwing Games, J. Q. A. Race, Great Barrington,	2
2d do., M. A. Dearing Great Barrington, (withheld)	1
Golden Duckwing Games, J Q. A. Race, Great Barrington,	2
Red Pile Games, A. C. Bowen, Sheffield,	2
2d do., Townsend Wickwire, Sheffield,	1
Black Hamburgs, A. Dings, Alford,	2
2d do., M. B. Kline, Egremont,	1
White Hamburgs, M. B. Kline, Egremont,	2
Golden Spangled Hamburgs, M. B. Kline, Egremont,	2
2d do., J. E. Hollenbeck, Egremont,	1
Silver Pencilled Hamburgs, Howard Van Deusen, Egremont,	2
2d do., M. B. Kline, Egremont,	1
Silver Spangled Hamburgs, R. H. Dearing, Great Barrington, (withheld)	2
2d do., A. Dings, Alford,	1
Houdans, M. A. Dearing, Great Barrington, (withheld)	2
2d do., J. P. Ballard, Alford,	1
Plymouth Rocks, Bradley Bros., Lee,	2
2d do., A. Dings, Alford,	1
Whitecrested Black Polish, E. J. Swartz, Alford.	2
Whitecrested White Polish. M. A. Dearing, Great Barrington, (withheld)	2
Golden Polish, Clarence Rowe, Alford,	2
2d do., E. L. Tobey, Alford,	1
Silver Polish, M. B. Kline, North Egremont,	2
Goldenlaced Seabright, Bennie Clark, Sheffield.	2
Wyandottes, A. Dings, Alford,	2
2d do., Frank E. Wheeler, Great Barrington,	1
Langshangs, W. E. Sabin, Egremont,	2
2d do., M. A. Dearing, Great Barrington, (withheld)	1

R. A. Holmes, of Alford, exhibited a pair that were worthy of a premium, but they were not entered on our book.

DISCRETIONARY.

White Creepers, F. W. Heath, Stockbridge,	$1

A fine pair of Black Games were exhibited by F. B. Slye, which would have taken a premium had they been properly entered.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

COMMITTEE.—Dr. C. W. Stratton, Sherwood S. Rogers, Charles L. Shaw.

POULTRY 2D.—DIVISION.

Whole number of entries 39. Turkeys 3; Geese 5; Aylesbury Ducks 1; Rouen 2; Pekin 4; Guineas 4; Doves 10; Rabbits 5; Guinea Pigs 3; Magpie 1; Parrot 1.

Best pair of Turkeys, Adelbert Dings, Alford,	$3
2d do., L. A. Loring, Great Barrington,	2
3d do., L. A. Loring, Great Barrington, Silver Grey,	1
Best Geese, A. Dings, Alford, Brown China,	3
2d do., A. Dings, Alford, White China,	2
3d do., A. H. Alexander, New Marlboro, Brown China,	1
Best pair of Aylesbury Ducks, M. B. Kline, Egremont,	2
Best pair of Rouen Ducks, M. B. Kline, Egremont,	2
2d do., J. Bradley, Lee,	1
Best pair of Pekin Ducks, M. B. Kline, Egremont,	2
2d do., E. L. Boardman, Sheffield,	1

DISCRETIONARY.

Pair Geese, S. Dellert, Great Barrington,	$1
Pair Geese, James Bradley, Lee,	1
Pair Grade Ducks, James Bradley, Lee,	1
Guinea Chicks, Mrs. E. J. Beebe, Alford,	1
Guinea Chicks, Adelbert Dings, Alford,	1
Guinea Chicks, J. P. Ballard, Alford,	50c

COMMITTEE.—Henry D. Hyde, W. C. French, Pratt L. Tobey.

ORCHARDS.

Whole number of entries 1.

For Pear Orchard of Dr. C. E. Heath, Lee, set in spring of 1882,	$10

COMMITTEE.—Levi Boardman, Jared Bradley.

RECLAIMED LAND.

Whole number of entries 3.

First premium, M. S. Heath, Stockbridge,	$10
2d do., Eli Martin, Great Barrington,	8
3d do., F. A. Burghardt, Great Barrington, land entered by F. Hollenbeck,	6

COMMITTEE.—Abner Roys, L. P. Keyes,

REPORT ON REPORTS.

To Committee on Fall Crops the 1st premium,	$8
To Committee on Summer Crops the 2d premium,	6
To Committee on Crochet and Knit Work the 3d premium,	4

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The forty-third annual exhibition of the Housatonic Agricultural Society was the largest and one of the most successful ever held by the society. The show of cattle, especially of thoroughbreds, was not only larger in number but superior in quality, to any former exhibition. Improvement was also shown in the various breeds of sheep and swine, while the poultry exhibit was so far beyond that of former years that many extra coops had to be provided to accommodate the extra demand. The exhibition of horses was good, but did not show any marked improvement. The trials of speed of trotting horses with some exceptions, were not attended with any great degree of interest. This was partly owing to the scarcity of trotters in the neighboring towns, but chiefly to the small premiums offered in this department. In the hall the display of useful and fancy articles, of paintings, fruits and flowers was superb and complete, the fancy work, embroidery and painting being far ahead of any previous exhibit, in point of workmanship, taste and beauty ; in fine the hall seemed full of beautiful articles. In the lower hall the exhibition of seeds and vegetables was remarkably good, and there was a display of agricultural implements, many of which were shown on the lawns. Several merchants made fine displays of their goods in the galleries and lower hall.

Although the first day proved to be a pleasant one, the morning seemed threatening, and no doubt kept back two or three thousand people from attending, but there were probably nine thousand persons present. In addition to the usual programme for the first day there was a two mile bicycle race with premiums of $15 and $10, followed by a five mile race for premiums of $20 and $12,

paid in beautiful silver cups, pitchers, etc., which were won successively by Wollison and Dewey of Pittsfield, there being only five contestants. Time—1st mile 3:59; 2d 3:57; 3d 4:04; 4th 3:56; 5th 3:37; time for five miles 19:33; for the two miles 7:23. This was followed by an exhibition of fancy bicycle riding by Messrs. Pressey and Lester of Boston, who performed wonderful evolutions, riding in almost every conceivable position on two bicycles, on a single bicycle, and finally on a single wheel. Music for the day was furnished by the Egremont band. The receipts at the gate, including some $700 for members tickets previously sold, were $1,651.

The weather on Thursday was cloudy and warm in the morning, rainy later in the day, and clear towards evening. Notwithstanding the threatening weather there were probably 15,000 people in attendance. The music was furnished by the Stockbridge band, and the receipts at the gate were about $1,600, mostly for single admissions.

The weather on Friday was fine, and the attendance large for the third day, probably 10,000 persons. The address by Dr. George B. Loring was listened to with close attention. He was followed by a few remarks from Judge Abram H. Daily of Brooklyn, N. Y., after which the report of the various awarding committees were read, and the premiums paid in money by the treasurer, accordto the recent vote of the society. The Germania band of Pittsfield, furnished music in the afternoon, arriving too late for the morning exercises. The receipts at the gate were about $800.

The total number of entries of animals, crops, articles, etc., for 1884 were 2,292. Of these there were 727 entries of animals, representing 1,418 head; crops 542; useful and fancy articles in the hall 518; butter and cheese 69; bread, syrup, etc., 162; flowers and plants 66; fruits 67; agricultural and mechanical 27; seeds, vegetables, etc., 198; grade cattle 163, (271 head;) thoroughbred cattle 125, (161 head;) swine 18, (78 head;) sheep 95, (329 head;) horses 129, (175 head;) poultry 197, (404 fowls;) besides various miscellaneous entries.

MEETING OF STATE BOARD.

At the last annual meeting of the Society a vote was passed inviting the State Board of Agriculture to hold their next country meeting in Great Barrington. The invitation was accepted and the meetings were held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, December 3d, 4th and 5th. The attendance at the several sessions varied in numbers, from 150 to 400, but the lectures and discussions were of great interest and listened to with the closest attention. The information given, and the ideas advanced will prove of great value to the farmers and others present; and it is a matter of regret that the hall was not filled with members of our Society, not only to show our appreciation of the kindness of the State Board in coming so far to favor us, but that all might have been benefitted by the instructions of the meetings.

FARMER'S INSTITUTES.

The sixteenth Institute of the Society was held at the Town Hall in Great Barrington, on Friday, February 16th. The weather was favorable and there was a large attendance. The subject, "The Relative Advantages of Special and Mixed Farming," was introduced by Mr. C. A. Mills, of South Williamstown. He asserted that every business is best managed by special attention to particular departments. As an example he spoke of a watch, made of 278 parts, each

part a speciality, now costing $20, that would have cost $60 fifty years ago. Of C. T. Sampson's shoe factory in North Adams, where concentration of attention 2700 pairs of shoes are turned out in a day by 300 operatives. Without machinery one industrious, expert man can make one pair of shoes in a day; with machinery he can make two pairs; while by dividing labor into specialities a result is attained of an average of nine pairs per man.

On a farm there cannot be such specialities in labor, for if a man is a remarkable sower, or a first-class hoer, his work lasts but a few days; he must do all work well. He should, however, keep up with the times and avoid trying to raise those crops that other farmers can excel him in raising. There are crops New England can't raise in competition with the rest of the country, and Indian corn is one of them. The Illinois farmer has land that he is willing to draw upon without replenishing, and the farmers here can't do it, with their land already needing fertilizers. In Illinois, also, there are machines in use that can't be used here, and Western corn can be sold here with a profit, at a price less than one that we can raise it for.

Farmers are notoriously wasteful about their farms. If manufacturers were no more saving of material than farmers they would be bankrupt in six months. Mr. Mills knew a farmer who would go ten miles to make one dollar in swapping a cow, but who bored holes in his stable floor to let the urine escape, though there is no better fertilizer on the farm than this, and it should be saved by absorbents. Many farmers make up for this needless waste by buying expensive commercial fertilizers. Farmers should keep account of all expenses. Who can tell how much it costs to produce a pound of butter, a pound of pork selling at $9, corn at $1.35, how much for beef, for keeping poultry? Milk, butter and cheese, said Mr. Mills, should be the specialities of the Housatonic valley. They pay the best and keep the farm in the best condition. Many animals on a farm are sure to make the land good. The making of butter is the best use to which the farm can be put and should be made a specialty. Some farmers who do this get seventy-five cents per pound. When your butter will not bring twenty cents there is something wrong.

Mr. S. A. Hickox of North Adams, began his remarks by alluding to the famous beautiful scenery of Berkshire County, its pure springs, pure air, and the crowds of people it attracts on that account. We farmers look at it in a different phase, we look at the soil. Our fathers tell us of the time when corn grew so tall one could tie it over his head, and it grew on the ridges of the hills where now-a-days you couldn't raise a stalk as big as your thumb. If your cow is sick you send for the cow doctor, but when your plants grow sickly you don't bestir yourselves. Election results are brought about by special efforts, and the same thing applies to farming. The soil of New England has been cropped for a century, and big crops have been taken from it and the loss of the crop producing materials from the soil has not been made good. There is something yet in the New England soil for us, but we must do something for the soil, and enter into some special line of product. We must raise enough wool, or butter, or milk of the best quality so that we are known and identified in market as the producer of it.

Fifteen years ago, Mr. Hickox bought a run down farm with dilapidated buildings and shouldered a mortgage of $7,000. The neighbors predicted certain

failure because they figured in their line of farming. But Mr. Hickox became a specialist. It was a twenty-cow farm and he put on twenty-five cows and built a good warm cow stable with cemented floors to save all manures. He saved every bit of material that is ordinarily wasted on a farm; he saved the urine by absorbent, and made compost; nothing was lost. The manure heap was doubled. He spread these fertilizers on the land and it returned a rich harvest, but not of corn or grain of any kind. He raised no corn at first and but few potatoes, everything he raised was to produce milk. He astonished his neighbors one day by mowing down half his oat crop when the oats were in the milk and making it into dry fodder. When he couldn't sow oats in season, he sowed barley and cut it down for fodder. He raised a great amount of grass, timothy and clover; he sowed Hungarian grass, he sounded all the resources of agriculture for getting food for cattle, and lately he has made silos and feeds corn enailage with excellent results. Now the mortgage of $7,000 is paid, the barns have quadrupled in size and are in excellent repair, and the land is rich and the farm supports seventy cows, all but ten of which will have calves in the Spring. The cattle each average 175 pounds of butter a year, and the present price received is thirty-five cents per pound. The average is steadily going up to 200 pounds. The sour milk is fed to calves and swine. Nothing but butter, calves and swine is sold from the farm. He has not bought five tons of commercial fertilizer. There are 50,000,000 pounds of butter used in Massachusetts every year, and nearly 10,000,000 pounds are produced in this State. There is a ready market for the best butter at a high price.

The meeting then adjourned for an hour to partake of a bounteous collation provided in the hall.

Mr. M. I. Wheeler said that he endorsed all that had been said about special farming, but he did not forget that all farmers are not situated so that they can carry out that plan. The advantage of the speciality is that a farmer becomes thoroughly acquainted with what he is doing and produces a better result. This applies especially to the dairy.

Mr. F. K. Hinckley of Lee, was opposed to specialty farming. It is not certain what crop will pay. If a farmer makes a specialty of tobacco and the crop "goes back on him" he is ruined. Farming is overdone, the price of butter went down last summer and now the market is loaded. Mr. Hinckley said that he was ready to say that farming doesn't pay. A $10,000 farm won't pay unless he attends well to it. Running in debt for a farm won't pay as a general thing. If farmers are a happy lot of men, as it is said of them, it is because they are contented with nothing.

President Joseph A. Kline of Egremont, who was chairman of the meeting, told how extensive the dairy industry of the country is and repeated the figures of the census regarding it.

Mr. Charles Goodrich of Stockbridge, said there are as many as fifteen or twenty kinds of butter in the market. He did not believe that over five per cent. of this amount is gilt edge, ten per cent. choice, twenty per cent. fair, while fifty per cent is grease. This is a disgrace to the farmers who should try to make everything they produce good of its kind. He asked why there was such a difference in butter. Mr. Hickox replied that it was because farmers did not make a speciality of butter-making. Faults will show in butter more than

in cheese or milk. The art of butter-making must be learned just as any art is mastered. The farmer who makes cheese sells $8 per cow from his farm every year in fertilizers, and fully as much if he sells milk, but not ten cents worth is lost if butter is sold. In making cheese much of the watery portion goes off in the whey. See that nothing goes off the farm without its equivalent is returned. There isn't a farmer who can't double his business in five years if he will stop selling the fertility of his soil piecemeal and will make all the fertilizers that can be made. Mr. James Bullard of Lee, inquired, "What if the farmer sells milk enough to buy back the fertilizer?" "That is well enough," replied Mr. Hickox, "If he is sure to buy it back." The best cattle, continued Mr. Hickox, are good thoroughbreds, but the trouble is we can't afford to buy them at present high prices. He preferred Grade Jersey cows for butter. He aims to get 200 pounds of butter per cow each year, but don't get it yet; averages 175 pounds per cow and gets 35 cents a pound. A well worked cow will begin to fail at eight years. He finds best results from feeding ensilage, but don't know that it is of better quality. When first fed it caused an increased flow of milk and better yield of butter. Mr. H. W. Sheldon of New Marlboro, suggested that there is a great difference in the cream of different cows, and Mr. Hickox agreed, and insisted upon the thoroughbreds as giving the best. "What are the rules for making the best butter?" inquired Mr. Bullard. "The atmosphere has so much to do with this," replied Mr. Hickox, "that rules cannot be given. It requires judgment and much experience. The butter-maker must know just when to stop in getting out the butter milk." "What kind of butter is made from ensilage?" was asked. "A superior butter," Mr. Hickox replied. "The feed for his cows was ten pounds of meal made up half of wheat middlings and half of corn, linseed and cotton seed meal. This is given once a day and hay and ensilage each once a day. Mr. J. D. Noxon of Great Barrington, asked how he got the butter milk from his butter, and learned that he washed the butter in the churn first, before working. Mr. S. H. Nye of Great Barrington, said that one fall his cattle fell off five pounds of butter a week on account of poor feed. He put them on ensilage and in the first week not only was the shrinkage stopped, but there was a gain of two pounds of butter. Mr. Goodrich said that the farmers must be greatly at fault in making butter, for 95 per cent. of the butter in the market is "seconds." Mr. Wheeler said that the feed and the kind of cows have much to do with this. the making of the butter is a good deal and the care of the butter is something besides. Creamery butter is worth ten cents a pound more than the best dairy butter, the reason being probably because it is of a more uniform quality and has a standing in the market. Mr. Hinckley said if all butter is of first-class quality, the price would go down so that it wouldn't pay to make it. "The price ought to go down," said Mr. Goodrich. "It is too high; Mr. Goodman wouldn't then be getting sixty cents and somebody else fifteen, but the price would still be remunerative." Mr. John C. Munson of Great Barrington, affirmed that the most important point in butter-making is to skim off the cream before the milk sours Mr. Wheeler was of different opinion and said that the best authorities agreed to the contrary. Mr. Goodrich added that the creameries get more for such butter than for any other. Mr. Hickox drew the line at lactic acid. If the cream is allowed to stand until that forms the butter is injured.

A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Mills and Mr. Hickox for their interesting addresses and the meeting was dissolved.

THE SEVENTEENTH INSTITUTE.

The Seventeenth Institute was held at the Great Barrington Town Hall on Thursday February 27th, 1884. The day was stormy, the travelling poor, and the attendance small. The meeting was called to order by President Kline. The discussion on the subject of "Farm Labor and Machinery," was opened by Mr. James H. Rowley of Egremont, who confined himself mostly to farm labor. The scarcity of this labor, so well realized by farmers, he said, it is not possible to remedy, but farmers are practically concerned in learning why farm labor is not better than it is. The employer is often to blame. It is he who must educate his help and if he does not do it correctly, other farmers for whom these hired men work suffer. We are educating the farm help for the next generation. The drinking of intoxicating liquors is one of the banes of the farm laborers and farmers bring this upon themselves by upholding a license law. Liquor had better be banished; it unmans our men and makes our hired help unprofitable. The farmer has difficulties which other trades do not have. We cannot have competitive examinations when we hire our men, but must take them largely on their own representations. There are, however some indications of character. If a man has slow speech, look out for slow feet and slow hands. Get a man who steps quickly and with a decided tread. As between married and single men, the former are to be preferred. They are less inclined to be away from home and their work is cheaper and better than that of the average single man. The married men board themselves and their attachment to their families keeps them at home. This creates domestic economy. They usually keep a cow and this teaches them to economize in the use of their own fodder, and hence the farmer's fodder; it also incuclates an interest in cattle, which redounds to the farmer's benefit. The hired man should furnish his own fodder for his cow: he will then study the subject of rations. The keeping of swine by the hired man will have the same effects upon him. The longer farmers can keep their men the better. Mr. Rowley keeps them five or six years on an average, and has had one man ten years. He gave various instances of how he had educated his men to drive oxen, to whet a scythe, to bind straw, etc. It is easier to instruct men in the care of cows than sheep, for they often frighten the latter. They should learn to go among them quietly, and feed them before dark. He has never had difficulty with his workmen from lack of interest, but has had the greatest trouble from their love for liquor, which is something always liable to appear.

President Joseph A. Kline spoke of the various circumstances in which farmers find themselves, as determining what kind of help they need. Shall we get the highest priced help, or the cheapest? If we hire but one man, get the best by all means, for the farmer needs a brainy man; or if he needs more than one man, still get this one man, but the others may as well be cheap help, for the one man can furnish brains for the whole gang. It is more difficult to educate the farm laborer than the mechanic, for the latter has only to learn definite processes, while the former must rely upon his judgment in relation to circumstances that are never twice allke.

W. H. Palmer of Stockbridge, asked if laborers did not sometimes instruct

their employers. Mr. Rowley knew this to be so, for he had learned from them himself; but the farmer should never let them know more than himself about his farm. It is something besides wages that makes trouble between the farmer and his men. It is a good idea to consult the men now and then, for it interests them in their work. Mr. Palmer asked if it was better to instruct men rather than hire one already instructed. Mr. Rowley thought it well to instruct men in the way we want the work done. Some are blamed because their former employers are not practical farmers. He had a man once whom he had to instruct to count the sheep whenever he salted them, to speak to the cattle before using the whip, and other particulars. He wanted his men to eat three times a day, to sleep at home, and to observe Sunday. After getting into the right way they followed it. Learn them to keep things in their place, and not leave tools thrown down in the lot or left around loosely. We must feel an interest in our help. Mr. L. V. N. Blakeman of Egremont wanted to know if it was a good policy to furnish help with a tenant house, particularly if they had only a few men. Mr. Rowley replied that he found it so, and he thought it wise. He always requires his help to do chores Sunday morning and evening. He considers it to his interest and part of their education. He believed in treating help with a certain degree of familiarity, but not to that extent as to breed contempt.

The meeting then adjourned an hour for the collation which was served in the hall.

"Is an ox team or a horse team the most economical for the farm?" asked President Kline. "Circumstances must decide this," replied Mr. Rowley. "If you have only one team, a horse team is decidedly the best. If an ox is to compete with a horse, you must begin to feed him in March and make his keeping for the season cost as much as a horse's It is poor policy to buy thin oxen just off wood jobs. Frank A. Palmer, of Stockbride, believed that the best help is the cheapest, though one good man among three or four common men will do. Yankee farming is made up of a multiplicity of things and requires the best men to do them best. The inventions of farm machinery came in the right time, for as labor has become scarcer, something was needed to supply the deficiency. Many horses are a detriment to farmers; better have too many oxen than too many horses. Every year horses are depreciating and oxen are growing more valuable. Oxen cost less than horses to keep, and the oxen can be turned off at any time at a good value. Farmers can't afford to raise corn; grasses are more profitable. Barnyard manure is better than any commercial fertilizer. For hired help single men are apt to be floating about. Boys can be helpful, but only to a limited extent. The farmers' jealousy of each other is a fruitful source of many of their ills: it makes them the prey of sharps and by it they lose many good markets. Mr. Palmer had been a granger, and he still believed in granges, for through these farmers can accomplish much in the way of cooperative purchasing and in the way of controlling market prices. For butter makers, creamers are indispensable; they save one-half or more of the labor of old-fashioned butter-making, and take it entirely from the hands of women.

President Kline picked up the subject of jealousy of farmers and much deplored it and approved of their consulting with each other.

Merritt I. Wheeler talked on the use of farm machinery and said that the best should be got, if any. The number of machines to be bought should be just what economy demands, if the quantity of the work to be done is enough to justify it. It is simply a question of economy. The labor question is prominent before the people to-day. Nine-tenths of everything of value is in labor. Now-a-days it is hard to find any really good man who can be hired, for he wants to work for himself. In response to a question, he said that the spring tooth harrow is adapted to a wider range of work than the wheel harrow. A broadcast sower does its work better than it can be done by hand or by a drill sower, regardless of the wind. A manure spreader that he has used, gives him perfect satisfaction and he would not part with it for twice its cost. It puts twenty loads on an acre and will cover twenty acres a day. When a farmer is not so situated that he can afford to buy much machinery, it is well for neighbors to combine and buy in partnership. Mr. Wheeler and Frank A. Palmer agreed to this. A discussion followed on drill and broadcast sowers, manure spreaders, fertilizers and grass seed sowers, in which President Kline, Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Rowley, T. S. Baldwin and Stephen Baldwin, both of Egremont, took part, the drift of opinion being favorable to their use.

H. E. Codding of Egremont, moved a vote of thanks to Messrs. Palmer, Rowley and Wheeler for their interesting talk.

Samuel Newell of Great Barrington, said he was brought up on a farm and had a preference for cattle. Our soil is so varied that it is adapted to all kinds of animals. He doubts whether Kentucky raises better cattle than Idaho, Kansas and other Western plains. Thinks the beef from there is superior to that from the East. Taste has much to do with farming. He farms for the taste for it, and came here to raise South Down sheep. He eats his lambs and sends some abroad. He considers them the best for eating. After killing he leaves the carcass until it is ripe. He fattens them on buckwheat. The immediate result may not be profitable, but if we can raise lambs to greater perfection, it may lead others to doing the same and in time elevate the taste for fine eating. He raises corn because he likes to see it, and thinks for forage it will pay for the raising. What is the most economical labor to hire? Get machinery if you can, if not, hire men. Thinks it is better to hire by the year if one can. Don't know any preference of nationality. If a good American man, with goods habits can be had, thinks it best, next best is Irish, or English, or German or Scotch. Thinks sheep raising preferable on account of less labor in the house. Wool and lambs take care of themselves. He makes butter that he sells for forty cents a pound. He used phosphates, but don't think he shall use them again. Prof. Mapes was of schoolmate of his. Thinks it is a good plan to raise a good crop of boys and girls. Has hired a seed sower, "The Farmer's Favorite." Don't sell grain or hay but feed it out. One may drive off stock, but not other products. He also spoke of the old farm "down East," buying grain and selling milk, butter, cheese, calves, hogs, cattle sheep and horses; raising healthy children on the farm, New England agriculture, pride, dress, law, New Jersey farming, education, going back to the old style of living, root crops, machinery, paying money by the farmer to his boys, fun for boys at home, a saddle horse, gunning, fishing and trapping, calves, cattle, dancing, playing on the piano, cooking, matrimony, agricultural implements, borrowing, buying on shares,

reapers, bad weather, whiskey shops, manure spreaders, hasty pudding, farm labor, and—well Mr. Newell seemed to be inexhaustible and his rambling, spicy remarks had the closest attention.

The meeting was then dissolved.

THE EIGHTEENTH INSTITUTE.

The Society held its Eighteenth Institute at the Town Hall, Great Barrington, on Thursday, December 11th, 1884. The weather was favorable, and the attendance about two hundred persons, which included quite a number of ladies. Capt. John B. Moore of Concord, president of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, was introduced by the President, and addressed the meeting on the subject of "The Cultivation of Fruits, Pruning, and the Care of House Plants." Capt. Moore thinks Berkshire County farmers can raise fruit with profit, and that the soil is better adapted for it than any other part of the Commonwealth. Apples do well in a clay loam, or sandy loam, also on a granite soil. They do better on higher or sloping land rather than in the lower parts of the valleys, where they are most subject to frost, and to immature growth. Land worth $100 per acre is too expensive for apples, sod land, almost unfit for other crops, will answer; plow it and make it mellow and rich enough to grow forty or fifty bushels of corn to the acre. If the soil is too rich it may do injury. If forced, the heart becomes dead. Plant trees forty feet apart, rather than nearer, dig a broad hole that the roots may spread in every direciion to nourish the tree and to brace it against winds. A narrow deep hole is the worst possible condition, like setting it into a flower pot. Don't plant lower than they grew in the nursery. To grow good apples the trees must have light, heat and air. Peach trees can be planted between the rows and will bear and get out of the way before the apple trees begin to bear much. Sheep and swine are useful to eat the fallen fruit and the worms with it. Plow and cultivate the ground often to get the best fruit. Canker worms cause the most trouble to apple trees. They may be kept from crawling up the tree by placing troughs filled with oil, or tarred paper, or cloths filled with printer's ink around the trunk. It must be used very early in the fall however. The coddling moth is another enemy that may be caught somewhat by placing cloths in the crotch of the trees, they will gather in them and can be then destroyed. It gets into the blossom end of the fruit if it is left undisturbed. The curculio don't cause so much trouble with apples. Apples are the best market fruit crop for profit, for when there is a surplus they can be exported to Europe. In 1880, 500,000 barrels were shipped from Portland and 700,000 barrels in 1882. Every steamer from Boston this winter carries apples. Our apples are preferred in England to English or French apples. Export apples must be the best, and must be carefully packed.

Captain Moore was asked by Alonzo Bradley of Lee, as to the preparation of apples for export. They should be put up cool and the barrel then headed, without letting them lie on the ground. If a barrel that has contained flour is used, the barrel should be washed inside. Their manner of selling our apples in the English market is at auction, a barrel, taken at random from the lot to be sold, is opened in the presence of the buyer, and the whole contents poured into a large basket. The English stack their barrels of apples on the head, one above another, so they will not keep as well as if laid on the side. Daniel B. Fenn of Stockbridge, wanted to know why it is better to let barrels lie on the side, than

on the end. The answer was that there is less superincumbent weight on the fruit. Also the air circulates more freely among the barrels, and so keeps them cooler. M. I. Wheeler of Great Barrington, asked if the apples must go through a sweating process before packing. "They will not have any sweating process," replied Captain Moore, "If they are put up properly and cool." The sweating process is the preliminary of decay. If picked warm wait until they are cool and then head them up snugly, crowding the top layer down about an inch, which helps keep the apples in place, and keeps them from jarring about in the barrel. Put them at once in the cellar, as they will be less liable to changes of heat and cold. Massachusetts is one of the best states for raising apples for exportation. They are better flavor and keep better than New York or Michigan apples. Most of the best varieties we have are natives of Massachusetts. The "Porter" originated in Sherburne, the "Sutton" in Sutton, "Hunt's Russett" in Concord, "Roxbury Russett" in Boston, "Danver's White Sweeting" in Danvers, "Holden's Pippin" and "Mother Apple" in Worcester County, besides the "Baldwin," "Foundling," "Hubbardson None Such," and "Palmer Greening," which he considered the peer of the "Newtown Pippin." These comprise about all the best apples. Those apples that originated on a cold soil will grow on any soil, but those originating on warm soil won't thrive on cold soil. The Baldwin is the best market apple in the Eastern part of the State and is the best for export. The apple originated in a warm soil. Captain Moore wants a better apple for himself than the Baldwin and never puts it in his cellar.

Mr. Wheeler asked if there is not danger of mutilating the roots of trees of their detriment in plowing and cultivating the land. There will be no damage to the tree, said Captain Moore, if plowing is done with care. It does no harm to break off some of the small roots. There may be a soil in which trees will do well in sod. Wood ashes and bone dust are the best fertilizers for some soils; air slacked lime never did Captain Moore's trees in sandy loam soil any good. Apples raised on sandy loam are earlier and of better color than when raised on clay loam; strawberries are also better on sandy loam. The bearing year is sometimes changed by very late frost, and sometimes by the canker worm.

Pears require a soil with some clay in it for their best growth; they want much cultivation and much manure. Peaches will not grow so well on soil rich enough for pears. The standard pear tree is preferable to the dwarf. He does not know a remedy for the blight, of which there are two kinds. The ten best pears for family use and for market are the following: For summer, Gifford and Clapp's; early fall, Bartlett, Sheldon, Seckle; late fall, Comice, Bosc, Dana's Hovey; winter, D'Anjou, Lawrence, Josephine de Molines.

Capt. Moore has raised peaches for many years, as did his father before him. Were it not for the yellows peach culture would be the best of all. A south-east exposure somewhat protected is the best and the orchard should be on high land to escape frost. The trees don't want much stable manure; give them potash salts and ground bone. If too rapid growth they are apt to winter kill. Let the trees grow moderately for two or three years, and don't over fertilize. They require a particular pruning. It is usual to cut off the branches eighteen inches from the ground. It is not a good way. It is better to start the branches five feet from the ground, letting several branches remain near together, with the main shoot cut back to one foot, being particular to leave the leading bud on the outside of the

tree. Next year cut back the leading branches rather severely. Follow up heading back the leading branches, and let the laterals grow so that the bearing branches might bend to the ground without breaking. Many young peaches should be picked off to thin the fruit, increase its size and save the vitality of the tree. Thin out three-quarters and there will be too many left then. The pear tree should also be headed back. It is well to thin young apples, a quick operation with an iron fork on the end of a pole. Head back in autumn, or at any time thereafter up to time of leaving out. The best peaches for market are Crawford's Early, Crawford's Late, Foster, Old Mixon and Freestone.

The black wart can be kept off plum trees by cutting off and burning. Captain Moore keeps off the curculio by planting plum trees in his poultry yard and letting the fowls eat the insect. It may also be jarred off the trees and caught on a sheet.

Grapes should grow on a high, warm location, exposed to the south and south-east, and to be fertilized with bone and muriate of potash, although wood ashes is better. They thrive best set in rows nine feet apart, the vines being set six feet apart, the rows running north and south, as they get more heat, which is most important. The roots should be well spread in planting, generally shortening some of the roots that they may all grow alike. In eastern Massachusetts only native varieties grow to advantage. Our climate is too likely to produce mildew in foreign varieties. Keep a clean culture, keeping away all weeds. Never lay down the vines. If a rank growth of wood is permitted they will winter kill.

Captain Moore explained with diagrams on a blackboard how all fruit trees ought to be pruned. If pruning is begun early, as it ought, no large limbs need ever be cut off, but if found necessary, cover pruning of large limbs with shellac dissolved in alcohol. The limbs should be amputated so as to let their future growth be at an outside bud; the tree will then be spread out. If apple trees are pruned in June, the fruit, particularly, will be helped; if in the autumn the wood growth of tree will especially be helped. Apple trees don't require so much pruning as pear trees and vines. The pruning of grape vines as explained cannot well be described without a diagram. Pruning should be done in the fall after the leaves fall, and any time before the buds start. In pruning grape vines after the first year, trim the shoots back to two buds, because in the Concord and some others sometimes one bud may only be the leaf bud while the next is the fruit bud. The next year be careful not to leave the spurs too long. Rosebugs are a great enemy to vines. They need a warm south-west wind to bring them, and can only be killed while in the winged state. Its habit is to deposit its eggs in July near the surface of the ground. It hatches in ten days and the little maggot goes into the ground till the middle of October when it goes down deeper. The rose bugs have to be picked off by hand. The process of girdling was not approved, because it uses up the vines, though it will increase the size of grapes and ripens them early for that year.

In growing house plants Capt. Moore said a moist air is necessary, hence they thrive much better in a kitchen where there is much steam, than in a sitting room heated by a coal stove. Forced roses particularly need a humid air. With a deep bay window, or better, with an addition which so many have now-a-days, where the plants can not only get the light and air, but be showered frequently,

there is but little trouble in caring for plants. Geraniums will grow almost anywhere ; and callas also. Plants are generally potted or re-potted in the fall, and usually the pots are full of roots before many blossoms appear. Many persons sift the dirt fine, and get out every bit of stone or foreign substance. This is the worst thing to do, for the earth will pack down solid, not allowing the moisture to drain through, or the air to penetrate at all. The best to use is a rotten sod, reasonably rich, if too heavy add some sand, pick up the sod well and put in bits of broken pots. Give a good drenching when needed and not a continual dripping. Give potted plants plenty of liquid manure. The foliage should be kept absolutely clean, by showering and sponging if necessary. For out of doors plants there are lillies, various perennials, delphiniums, phloxes, etc. These should be divided occasionally ; if in the fall they will do better next year. Hybrid perpetual roses need deep soil, say eighteen inches : well manured and well watered. Plant roses four feet by three feet apart. They are not exactly hardy, so bank up a foot high and afterward scatter stable manure to keep warm. Trim from one to three feet from the ground. Very fine seeds require very fine earth. Bog moss chopped fine as hash and mixed with very fine earth holds moisture, and helps transplanting.

Small Fruits. Some say they can buy them cheaper than they can raise them, but they won't do it. By raising them yourself you get fresh fruit, which is most healthful of all food. The strawberry is regarded the best of all small fruits. The first improvement is recorded about 350 years ago, in Montreuse near Paris by charcoal burners. Parkinson speaks of the scarlet strawberry brought from America in 1496. In 1776 the Alpine strawberry was brought to England, and about the close of the last century the pine strawberry from Virginia or South Carolina. The greatest improvement in its cultivation has been made in the last 36 years. It grows as far north as Lapland.

For cultivation make the land very rich. Some plant in rows two feet apart, others in matted rows four feet apart. They grow best when set about ten inches apart with runners kept off, with three ar four plants in a hill. They may be planted in rows one foot by four feet and left to root twelve inches each side. Must hoe deep between the plants. Spring is the best time to set them out ; cover them by the first of November. They must be mulched, to keep the earth moist, and to shade the roots. Beds may be picked three years before renewing. The Belmont system is to set out, leave one year, then root them up. Instead have found it worked with excellent results to mow off the tops rather high after bearing, stirring up the soil. After bearing, the lower roots are dying, and new roots came out above them. Wood ashes applied in the spring are of great benefit. Fertilizers applied will usually burn the leaves, but they may be swept off with a corn broom

A hearty vote of thanks was given to Capt. Moore for his very instructive and valuable discussion, gained from a life-long experience in fruit and plant culture and the meeting was dissolved. HENRY T. ROBBINS, Secretary.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

W. W. LANGDON, SUPERINTENDENT.

IN ACCOUNT WITH HOUSATONIC AGRICULTUAL SOCIETY.

Dr.

To Money Received as Rent of Stalls and Privileges on Fair Grounds.

W. B. Bliss,	$10 00	C. Watrous,	$2 00
E. L. Barnum,	10 00	C. H. Colby,	8 00
W. H. Towne,	20 00	Henry W. Scutt,	15 00
Austin Hatch,	7 00	D. F. Knight,	6 00
C. C. Fuller,	8 00	Thomas Jerdon,	4 00
Van R. Curtiss,	12 00	J. H. Schultz,	6 00
Herbert Hayes.	4 00	J. H. Van De Bogart,	10 00
Orville Brusie,	10 00	George Owens,	25 00
L. B. Brusie,	17 00	F. B. Curtiss,	18 00
John G. Adams,	6 00	L. B. Jenks,	30 00
Jason Cooley,	20 00	George Lawrence,	18 00
William Sheridan,	8 00	D. E. Parent,	5 00
George W. Grant,	5 00	Samuel Anderson,	5 00
J. H. Shultz,	5 00	William Hadley,	2 00
Horace E. Ball,	12 00	W. Hathaway,	50
Henry W. Scutt,	4 00	C. B. Barnett,	75
P. Sullivan,	5 00	H. C. Weller,	1 00
L. Sweetland,	5 00	J. H. Shultz,	3 00
W. E. Northrop,	8 00	P. Sullivan,	2 00
Charles Worden,	4 00	Bill Williams,	2 00
William Anthony,	11 00	E. Houtaling,	1 00
J. A. Goodwin,	6 00	Charles Moore,	1 50
M. Reed.	3 00	John R. Cole,	2 50
William E. Murray,	5 00	John Peters,	2 00
J. A. Smith,	4 00	Edward Gorham,	2 00
C. Miller,	5 00	George Florentine,	2 00
W. H. Fay,	2 00	Abram Fresh,	2 00
Harry Hurlock,	5 00	F. F. Ostrander,	2 00
Frank J. Burlingham,	4 00	T. Bruen,	2 00
Albert P. Shaw,	4 00	J. Woldbridge,	1 00
W. Clements.	5 00	F. Butler,	2 00
Mrs. Karner,	65 00	Simon Brown,	2 00
Adams & Knickerbocker,	65 00	Walter Burke,	5 00
F. Cross,	4 00	B. Almonte,	14 00
Thomas Norton,	70 00	George H. Beverly.	10 00
Marcus Dearing,	30 00	J. D. Pierce.	5 00
Andrew Corcoran,	30 00	George F. Bacon,	16 00
William Holmes,	15 00	John Regan,	5 00
W. W. Langdon,	12 00	Barton & Hatmaker,	13 00
Henry Snyder,	15 00	Elsworth & Dailey.	4 00
C. B. Ford,	15 00	B. N. Snyder,	4 00
H. B. Rounds,	15 00	A. J. Hollenbeck,	2 00
J. C. Snyder,	5 00	Jacob Moore,	5 00
E. M. Miller,	8 00		
P. Kerney.	5 00		$857.25
E. Streville,	1 00		

Same. *Cr.*

By Cash, $857 25

W. W. LANGDON, SUPERINTENDENT, IN ACCOUNT WITH HOUSATONIC AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Dr.

To Cash Received as follows:

Levi Huntley, house rent from April 1st, 1884 to April 1st, 1885,	$ 60 00
Noah Osborne, grass,	111 50
J. Nodine,	15 00
	$186 50

Cr.

By Cash, $186 50

W. W. LANGDON, Superintendent.

JANUARY 21st, 1884.

FRANK H. WRIGHT, TREASURER: *Dear Sir:*—

The Committee appointed by the Housatonic Agricultural Society, at its Annual Meeting, to consider the claim of Mr. Squires, for damages sustained by him while attending the exhibition of the Society in September last, have given the matter full consideration, and while we do not consider the Society legally liable, we recommend that the Society make him a gratuity of three hundred dollars, the same to be, if accepted, in full satisfaction for all claims or demands, the said Squires may have against said Society.

J. H. ROWLEY,
HENRY L. SMITH.
M. I. WHEELER, } Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

FRANK H. WRIGHT, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH HOUSATONIC AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

DR.

To cash in Treasury, January, 1884,	$333 12
cash from Old Members, yearly dues,	1,262 00
cash from Old Members, arrears,	35 00
cash from New Members, Life,	15 00
cash from New Members, Stock,	33 34
cash from New Members, Ordinary,	212 00
cash from Admissions,	2,187 40
cash from Season Tickets,	180 00
cash from Grand Stand,	97 44
cash on Fines for jumping fence,	3 25
cash from two Members on withdrawal,	2 00
cash from W. W. Langdon, as per statement,	1,043 75
cash from State Treasurer,	600 00
cash from Secretary, entry fees for Trotting Horses,	142 00
cash in exchange on Silver,	5 50
cash drawn from Permanent Fund to balance,	601 12
	$6,752 92

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

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By paid Joseph A. Kline,	$14 00
paid Marshall S. Heath,	14 00
paid Charles E. Slater,	12 00
paid Merritt I. Wheeler,	10 50
paid E. M. Washburn,	6 00
paid Frank A. Palmer,	14 00
paid Henry W. Smith,	14 00
paid William M. Chapin,	12 00
paid John B. Walker,	6 00
paid John A. Brewer,	9 00
	$111 50

COMMITTEES.

By paid William C. Dalzell, Gardens,	$18 00
paid Miss Jennie Sheldon, Gardens,	9 00
paid Mrs. George Kellogg, Gardens,	9 00
paid Ralph Little, Orchards and Reclaimed Lands,	9 25
paid Abner Roys, Reclaimed Lands,	5 50
paid L. P. Keyes, Reclaimed Lands,	8 00
paid Benjamin Wheeler, Crops,	84 00
paid Harvey S. Chapin, Crops,	43 90
paid F. A. Palmer, Crops,	66 00
paid J. N. Warner, Crops,	11 00
paid Edgar A. Kilbourn, Crops,	86 00
	$349 65

ORATOR AND MUSIC.

By paid George B. Loring,	$50 00
paid Germania Band,	90 00
paid Stockbridge Band,	50 00
paid Egremont Band,	40 00
	$230 00

LABOR ON GROUNDS, MATERIALS, REPAIRS, ETC.

By paid John Brewer & Sons, for lumber,	$178 23
F. N. Deland, Town Treasurer, for lumber,	22 46
Samuel Camp, for stone,	5 00
paid Patrick Kane, for labor,	3 21
paid Peter Royal, for labor,	5 25
paid James Mullaney, for labor,	7 88
paid George S. Baker, for labor,	8 15
paid Hugh O'Neil, for labor,	2 25
paid Homer Hamm, for labor,	1 50
paid James B. Alger, for labor,	1 50
paid John Kilmer, for labor,	4 50
paid Martin Welch, for labor,	22 50
paid Charles H. Bentley, for labor,	87 50
paid Henry Snyder, for labor,	23 40
paid Edward C. Sabin, for labor,	53 50
paid W. B. Leonard, for labor,	60 85
paid W. W. Gorham, for labor,	45 00
paid L. H. Atwood, for labor,	6 00
paid F. L. Bristol, for labor,	16 63
paid Charles W. Adams, for labor,	75
paid Mrs. Dowd, care Ladies' closets,	3 75
paid Mrs. Ann Flynn, for stone,	6 39
paid W. W. Langdon, Superintendent's Salary,	75 00

By paid Edward Manville, Assistant Superintendent,	$12 00
paid Mrs. E. C. Hurlburt, for labor,	3 50
paid J. A. Brewer, bill of sundries,	164 24
paid J. H. Adams, for labor,	5 00
paid E. A. Kilbourn, for posts,	4 50
paid Sarah C. Whitwell, for gravel,	5 55
paid H. Y. Leavitt, for sawdust,	7 50
paid Levi S. Huntley, for labor,	58 80
	$902 29

TREASURER'S OFFICE, TICKET SALESMEN, GATEMEN, MARSHALS, Etc.

By paid Miles T. Huntington, Treasurer's Office,	$9 00
paid Charles A. Brewer, Treasurer's Office,	9 00
paid John C. Wheeler, Treasurer's Office,	9 00
paid F. J. Morgan, Treasurer's Office,	4 50
paid John Anderson, Treasurer's Office,	6 00
paid Henry A. Bristol, selling tickets,	6 00
paid John K. Siggins, North office,	9 00
paid Luke Shead, South office,	9 00
paid L. C. Raifstanger, selling tickets in road,	18 00
paid F. L. Bristol, Grand Stand,	7 50
paid H. W. Sykes, Grand Stand,	7 50
paid Treasurer's Salary,	125 00
paid John A. Brewer, Chief Marshal,	6 00
paid H. T. Candee, 1st Assistant Marshal,	6 00
paid George H. Wheeler, 2d Assistant Marshal,	6 00
paid H. W. Smith, Assistant Marshal,	6 00
paid M. S. Heath, Assistant Marshal,	6 00
paid S. H. Bushnell, Assistant Marshal,	6 00
paid R. R. Brewer, Assistant Marshal,	6 00
paid W. W. Norton, Assistant Marshal,	6 00
paid J. G. Wilson, Assistant Marshal,	6 00
paid J. G. Wilson, Assistant Marshal, 1883,	6 00
paid E. G. Langdon, Assistant Marshal,	6 00
paid E. G. Langdon, Assistant Marshal, 1883,	4 00
paid H. S. Manley, Road Marshal,	9 00
paid J. C. Smith, Road Marshal,	9 00
paid H. E. Codding, Stock Marshal,	7 50
paid E. A. Kilbourn, Stock Marshal,	6 00
paid F. C. Whipple, Poultry Marshal,	9 00
paid Fred Scott, Poultry Marshal,	5 00
paid John Hickey, Main Gate,	9 00
paid N. C. Chapin, Main Gate,	9 00
paid Henry Snyder, Main Gate,	9 00
paid C. H. Bentley, Main gate,	9 00
paid Charles Evans, foot gate,	7 50
paid Seneca Nodine, stock gate,	9 00
paid A. T. Robbins, stock gate,	6 00
paid F. S. Turner, exit gait,	7 50
paid John N. Munson, south gate,	9 00
paid Harvey Holmes, care President's room,	6 00
	$416 00

SECRETARY.

By paid Henry T. Robbins, salary,	$125 00
paid Henry T. Robbins, stationary, postage, etc.	35 60
paid Boardman Tobey, Assistant Secretary	11 00
	$171 60

ON ORDERS BY SUPERINTENDENT OF HALL.

By paid John Gibson, Supt.,	$21 00	By paid John Stone,	$1 75
paid Lucy Kellogg,	1 50	paid Lyman F. Gibson,	2 00
paid M. B. Langdon,	1 50	paid Frank Crippen,	6 00
paid Kate Gallup,	1 50	paid Mrs. Ann Gibson,	3 00
paid F. C. Reed,	1 50	paid John J. Hart,	2 00
paid Walter Lewis,	3 00	paid Miss Frank Girling,	3 00
paid James Parker,	1 50	paid John Q. A. Race,	8 00
paid F. W. Sanford,	1 50	paid George A. Wright,	8 00
paid Annie Gibson,	1 50	paid Minnie Field,	1 50
paid Mrs. M. E. Cowles,	1 50	paid Charles F. Painter,	5 00
paid Mrs. John B. Chadwick,	1 50	paid Mrs. J. A. Kline,	1 50
paid Mrs. James Dunn,	1 50	paid D. J. Coleman,	8 00
paid Harry Prindle,	1 25		
			$90 00

WATCHMEN.

By paid A. S. Mansir, Supt.,	$10 00	By paid M. P. Stillman,	$6 00
paid Edward C. Worcester,	7 50	paid D. A. Treat,	5 00
paid Alexander Snyder,	4 50	paid Foster Kinney,	4 50
paid Orson A. Miller,	6 00	paid W. D. White,	6 00
paid O. H. Comstock,	6 50	paid John Donahue,	4 50
paid Thomas Gibbons,	4 50	paid William H. Van Deusen,	6 00
paid Enos Seymour,	4 50	paid Thomas Murray,	4 50
paid Michael Gibbons,	6 00	paid E. A. Manley,	6 00
paid John Maley,	5 00	paid H. C. Worden, gents' closets,	4 50
paid James Hines,	5 00	paid James Mullaney,	6 00
paid Dean Haywood,	6 00		
			$118 50

DRIVING, TROTTING, POTATO AND FOOT RACES.

By paid J. J. Webster, open to all class,	$100 00
paid Henry C. Phelps, open to all class,	65 00
paid William H. Gross, open to all class,	35 00
paid J. J. Webster, 2:40 class,	75 00
paid H. C. Phelps, 2:40 class,	50 00
paid I. W. Smith, 2:50 class,	40 00
paid C. E. Morgan, 2:50 class,	30 00
paid L. B. Brusie, three-minute class,	15 00
paid Edwin Hurlburt, three-minute class,	10 00
paid I. W. Smith, pairs road horses,	30 00
paid L. B. Brusie, pairs road horses,	20 00
paid Cornelius Curtin, potato race,	5 00
paid Edward Whitney, potato race,	4 00
paid Daniel Massey, potato race,	3 00
paid John Connell, potato race,	1 00
paid Erwin Johnson, potato race,	1 00
paid William Morrison, potato race,	1 00
paid William Markham, potato race,	1 00
paid Allen Daniels, foot race,	4 00
paid Erwin Johnson, foot race,	3 00
paid Patrick Welch, foot race,	2 00
paid Thomas Mooney, foot race,	1 00
	$496 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

By paid C. H. Mills, expenses Institute,	$5 00
paid S. A. Hickox, expenses Institute,	2 50
paid Charles E. Squires, Gratuity,	300 00
paid E. Y. Foote, job printing,	22 00

By paid J. H. O'Connell, blacksmith,	$3 25
paid Jason Cooley, refreshments at Institutes, etc.,	97 28
paid Russell & Morgan Printing Company,	22 70
paid H. C. Phelps, printing programmes,	3 24
paid Express and Postage,	4 50
paid Lester & Pressy, bicycle riding,	43 00
paid Ada S. Hatch, for badges,	3 00
paid Col. J. B. Moore, expenses Institute,	22 00
paid W. W. Norton, use of horse,	6 00
paid William J. Mallory, livery,	2 00
paid George E. Todd,	7 50
paid William Hasty, use of horse,	1 50
paid M. I. Wheeler, expenses,	4 00
paid Chapin & Co.,	1 50
paid C. J. Burget,	2 25
paid Clark W. Bryan & Co., printing,	318 50
paid Charles E. Slater, expenses,	1 00
paid E. D. Humphrey, cartage,	24 95
paid Dinners, during Fair,	42 50
paid M. E. Tobey, bill of sundries,	37 48
paid Premium Silver, including bicycle prizes,	169 89
paid Premiums in cash,	2,635 00
paid J. A. Brewer, use of horse,	6 00
paid S. H. Bushnell, use of horse,	4 00
paid N. C. Chapin, services,	6 00
paid John Hickey, services,	6 00
By transferred to permanent fund, Life and Stock Members Receipts,	48 34
	$3.852 88

EXPERT COMMITTEE.

By paid C. W. Stratton, Poultry, $3 00 By paid Ezra Lasher,	2 00
By paid Robert A. Potter, Jerseys, 5 00 By paid S. L. Warner,	4 50
	$14 50
Total amount bills, premiums, &c., paid to balance,	$6,752 92

PERMANENT FUND.

AS REPORTED JANUARY 1ST, 1884.		$1,546 37
1884. Additions, during year, as follows:—		
January 15th, Dividend, N. Y. Central Stock,	$10 00	
April 15th, Dividend, N. Y. Central Stock,	10 00	
July 1st, Interest on Bank Book, No. 4462, including $2.10 in 1883,	10 26	
July 1st, Dividend, Stockbridge and Pittsfield Stock,	17 50	
July 15th, Dividend, N. Y. Central Stock,	10 00	
October 1st, Life and Stock Members Receipts, 1884,	48 34	
October 15th, Dividend N. Y. Central Stock,	7 50	
Interest on Bank Book, to January 1st, 1885,	5 40	—$119 00
		$1,665 37
Less, drawn from Permanent Fund, to pay Premiums and Expenses,		601 12
Permanent Fund, January 1st, 1885,		$1,064 25
As follows:—		
Five Shares Stockbridge and Pittsfield Railroad Stock, par value,		500 00
Five Shares New York Central Rail Road Stock, par value,		500 00
Greet Barrington Savings Bank Book, No. 5,632,		64 25
		$1,064 25

As will be seen by an examination of the above report the life and stock members' receipts for 1884 amounting to $48.34 were added to the permanent fund, and $601.12 taken therefrom to pay premiums and expenses. The net amount therefore taken from this fund is $552.78, which, together with the $333.12 on hand January 1st, 1884, shows the amount of premiums and expenses during the year to have been $885.90 more than the actual receipts for the year.

The usual amount of repairs and improvements were made during 1884, and perhaps no more, but each year seems to call for a considerable outlay, although the executive committee usually enter upon their duties with the feeling that no repairs are needed. The Society offered in 1884 $410 more in premiums than ever before and in addition to this voted to pay all premiums in cash or silver as the taker might desire, and about 95 per cent. was taken in cash, and the Society lost its small profit on the silver, which on so large an amount is quite an item. Mr. Squires was also paid $300 for personal injuries received on the grounds of the Society at the annual fair in 1883, in accordance with recommendation of special committee. If the premiums are to be paid hereafter in cash, it seems necessary that the premium list be further reduced and I would suggest that the matter of the premium list for 1885 be re-committed to the executive committee and adjusted by them as they may think expedient.

Respectfull submitted,

FRANK H. WRIGHT, Treasurer.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

Those designated with a * are stock or Permanent Members ; those with a † Life Members.

This list comprises the names of members in good standing also of those one year in arrears : those two or more years in arrears are dropped from this list.

ADAMS.

Baker, T. H.
*Farnum, D. F.
*Lincoln, S. L.
Smith, Josiah A.
Twing, J. A.

ALFORD.

Barnum, Edwin R.
Bassett, Edwin A.
Ballard, Jackson P.
Beebe, Mrs. R.
Bolton, William H.
Buckbee, Charles
Buck, Henry F.
Calkins, Harrison
Champion, Evi
Church, Elihu
Corcoran, John
Curtis, George R.
Curtis, Robert M.
Curtis, F. M.
Debell, Fred
DeForrest, John C.
Dings, Hiram
Dings, Adelbert
Dings, Frank
Edwards. J. H.
Fitch, Horace S.
Galvin, Dennis
Garrison, Andrew S.
Hawver, Eli
Hawver, Frank
Hinman, W. C.
Holmes, Richard A.
Huggins, D. A.
Jacobs, Horace S.
Jones, William
Keefe, Luke
Kline, Milo
Meach, George
Milligan, T. W.
Milligan, J. L.
Milligan, Merrick
Osborne, Lester T.
Palmer, Allen J.
Palmer, W. H.
Peck, Henry
Post, Leonard
Prindle, Russell
Rivenburgh, S.
Rowe, Myron
Smith, H. W.
Smith, Ernest
Sperry, William A.
Stickles, George W.
Stoddard, A. A.
*Stoddard, William
*Stoddard, Benton E.
Stoddard, Charles F.
Stoddard, George B.
Swartz, Enos J.
Sweet Ambrose
Shufelt, Jeremiah
*Ticknor, Ezra C.
*Ticknor, W. A.
Ticknor, Henry
Tobey, Elisha L.
Tobey, George B.
Wagoner, Silas
Williams, Samuel K.
Woodford, John B.

AUSTERLITZ, N. Y.

Arnold, Aaron
Almsted, Walter
Anthony, Michael
Brown, George D.
Vosburgh, Westerly
Wheeler, Martin
Wheeler, Wellington

CANAAN, CT.

Adams, H. N.
Benedict, George
Houghtaling, T.
Huntley, Ezra B.
Joyner, Henry C.
Lawrence, W. A.
Morrison, John
Rossman, W. W.
Sardam, Frank
Schutt, Horace W.
Spaulding, John F.
Strong, George P.

CLAVERACK, N. Y.

Townsend, George D.
Hess, Lawrence

COPAKE, N. Y.

Decker, R.
Holsapple, J. W.
Miller, J. E.
Miller, Lester
Vosburgh, Egbert
Wright, William

EGREMONT.

Atwater, H. J.
*Baldwin, Benjamin F.
Baldwin, I. D. W.
*Baldwin, Theodore S.
Baldwin, Stephen
†Baldwin, E. R.
Bassett, C. H.
Benjamin, Elbert C.
Bradford, George F.
Bradford, John
Bradford, Ralph H.
Branch, O. A.
Benjamin, A. A.
Benjamin, F. K.
Benjamin, George C.
Best, Ezra
Bignal, C.
*Blakeman, L. V. N.
Boice, Abram
Brewster, George A.
Brown, George A.
*Brown, Martin
Brown, Charles F.
Blunt, Rutson
Brusie, Lyman H.
Bunce, Dan
Bunce, George
Bunce, James H.
Burdick, Nathan
Burget, Henry W.
Burtis, George M.
Campbell, John W.
Coon, Jacob
Curtis, P. W.
Crippen, William F.
Colby, Charles H.
Cronin, Michael
Dalzell, W. C.
Dean, Charles L
Derrick, Arthur B.
Dewey, Seymour B.
Doty, George S.
Doty, J. S.
Doty, Sanford
Duncan, Weeden
Dunlap, B. K.
Fee, William
Felder, Leonard
Fuller, Charles E.
Funk, George
Gardner, James A
Greattrax Luther P.
Green, W. R.
Goodale, Chester
Harrington, Emers G.
Hasty, William
Hall, G. W.
Hollenbeck, Artemus
Hollenbeck, George
Hollenbeck, Jacob E.
Hollenbeck, John H.
Hollenbeck, John W.
Holmes, William
Husted, E. H.
Hutchinson, C. B.
*Joyner, Charles S.
Joyner, Frank S.
*Joyner, Loomis M.
Joyner, E. R.
Johnson, Frank E.
Johnson, Billings
Karner, Andrew P.
Karner, S. N.
Kelsey, Mark
Kissleback, Peter
Kline, Joseph
*Kline, Joseph A.
Kline, Levi K.
Kline, Mason B.
Kline, Scott W.
Lambert, F. G.
Lasher, Delmar M.
Lee, William
Loomis, Benjamin F.
Love, John N.
May, William H.
Makely, William
*Millard, Eliza C.
Millard, Joseph L.
Millard, E. H.
Millard, Leonard R.
Miller, Eugene
Murphy, Burton
Murphy, William
Newman, E. E.
Norton, R. H.
Olmsted, F. M.
O'Neal, Cornelius
Peck, George A.
Peck, W. B.
Peck, E. R.
Ploss, George E.
Ploss, Henry
Polmatier, William
Potts, Herman T.
Potts, Robert A.
Race, Seneca T.
Ramsey, John
Ramsey, Joseph
Rider, Jr., Andrew J.
Rogers, Ransom
Rounds, H. B.
Rowe, H. L.
*Rowley, Henry C.
*Rowley, James H.
Sabin, William E.
Scoville, Elizabeth E.
Schwartz, Robert
Skiff, F. W.
Smith, Almon M.
Stillman, Frederick
Strong, Erastus
Strong, Mort M.
Taft, R. C.
Tinker, George H.
Tinker, W. H.
Tucker, Lewis B.
Tyrrell, Ernest M.
Van Bramer, J. E.
Van Deusen, L. C.
Van Deusen, Newman
*Wait, Dyer
Wait, Charles T.
Warren, Mrs. J. H.
Warren, W. C.
Warren, John P.
Wilcox, V. L.
Wilbur, Burtiss
Williams, Cornelius
Wheeler, B. M.
Young, James S.

GREAT BARRINGTON.

Adams, Edward J.
Adams, J. H.
Ambach, Julius
Abbey, Frederick
Alger, James B.
Anderson, George W.
*Avery, Miles
Almonte, Bernard
Atwood, Phineas T.
Atwood, Levi H.
Andrus, Henry
Andrews, George A.
Arnold, Hiram J.
Austin, C. H.
Baker, George S.
Baker, Henry
Baldwin, Andrew J.
Baldwin, Joel
Barrett, Michael
Barry, James W.
Barnes, C. W.
Barnes, Edward E.
Bradburn, H. J.
Barnum, W. S.
*Bentley, Charles H.
*Beebe, Levi
Beckwith, Daniel W.
Beckwith, James H.
Benson, H. C.
Benton, Amanda

Bracken, Mrs. Marcus
Brainard, E. D.
Burns, James
*Brewer, John
*Brewer, John A.
Bristol, M. A.
Barry, Thomas
Baldwin, Curtis W.
Bryan, Clark W.
Bryan, James A.
Brewer, Edwin S.
Brewer, Reuben R.
Bronson, M. G.
Bennett, George W.
Beecher, Chester C.
Brewer, Newton
Briggs, Alonzo S.
*Briggs, George W.
Briggs, Luther A.
Bristol, Henry A.
Blow, Peter
Boardman, H. D.
Brown, C. K.
Brown, Myron R.
Brown, Ransom A.
Brusie, Orville J.
Brusie, Orville T.
Brusie, L. B.
Brusie, Charles
Bruey, Augustus J.
Burget, John L.
Burget, Charles J.
Burghardt, Fred A.
Burghardt, L. N.
Burghardt, William
Burgett, William H.
Burns, Garret
Burr, Moses C.
Busby, Lester H.
Burtiss, T. F.
Burtiss, Nathaniel F.
Calkins, Charles P.
Camp, Samuel
Camp, Frank B.
Chadwick, John B.
Chavanne, John
Chapin, Norman C.
Chapin, George S.
Chapin, T. M.
Clark, E. H.
Clark, Wilbur J.
Clark, Benjamin F.
Coffing, Mrs. Rebecca F.
Collins, Allen,
Collins, A. C.
Collins, Abel F.
Collins, Elisha
Comstock, 2d, Hiram
Comstock, Lancaster
Comstock, 2d, P. G.
Comstock, Mrs. J. W.

Cone, J. Shepard
*Cone John A. est.
Coon, Freeland
Corff, Frederick J.
Cooley, Jason
Collins, Allen
Crostea, William
*Church, George
Church, Mark
Clapp, Henry
Clapp, Wellington
Camp, Charles M.
Crissey, Warren
Crissey, B. W.
Crine, Sidney
Curtiss, Mrs. H. M.
Curtiss, Mrs. Susan A.
Curtiss, Van R.
Culver, Edmund B.
Cropper, John G.
Damon, Isaac
Day, George S.
Day, Guy
Day, W. H.
Decker, John
Decker, George W.
Deland, F. N.
Dearing, S. L.
Dellert, Frederick
Dewey, Justin
Dewey, S. O.
*Dresser, Henry
Dikeman, Grove
Dimon, John
Donahue, John
Dodge, George R.
*Dodge, John L.
Dorman, Isaac
Dorman, J. A.
Dorman, Levi R.
Dorr, Gilbert L.
Davis, Henry
Dewey, Charles A.
Drummond, Robert D.
Douglass, Michael
Dowd, A. A.
Drum, William H.
Drum, Henry
Dunham, Asahel
Dunham, Leroy
Dykeman, Becker
Easland, Hendrick
Elmore, E. N.
Emigh, Alvin
Evans, Charles
Endres, Otto
Fassett, A. S.
Fellows, F. M.
Fellows, Oscar F.
Ferguson, John
Ferry, George W.

Fenn, John
French, Albert B.
French, George M.
Ford, S. A.
Fox, Philip
Foote, Edward Y.
Foote, Enos
Ford, Gilbert
Forrest, Sheldon E.
French, Cyrus W.
Fritz, William
Frein, Joseph
Granger, Harvey
Gibbons, Martin
Gibbons, Michael
Giddings, Frank E.
Gilmore, B. F.
Gilmore, Jr., B. F.
*Gibbons, William H.
Girling, Robert
Gorham, Edward L.
Gorham, LeGrand L.
*Gorham, William T.
Gorham, William W.
Goslle, William F.
Goeway, George M.
Goodhind, H. C.
Glynn, Michael
Goewey, N. F.
Guenther, Henry
Hagaman, John
Hall, Hubert H.
Hall, Julius S.
Hall, Merrick G.
Hall, Salmon
Hall, Oscar
Hallock, Miles
Harris, Avery E.
Hasson, James
Hatch, Austin
Hatch, B. H.
Hatch, John A.
Hatch, Stephen L.
Haywood, Aberdeen
Hayward, Albert N.
Hayward. F.
Hayes, Harlow
Hayes, Coridon
Hayes, Jared N.
Harvey, John
Hayes, Wilson
Heath. E. L.
Healey, David
Healey Timothy
Herrick, Frank
Herrick, Mrs. John
*Hickey, John
Hines, James
Hollenbeck, D. D.
Hollenbeck, G. M.
*Hollenbeck, W. W.

*Hollister, Taylor & Co.,
Holmes, Charles F.
Holmes, George E.
Holmes, Harvey
Holmes, Horace
Holmes, Newton F.
Holmes, James
Howe, Edward
Howland, J. W.
Houghtaling, O. C.
Hubbard, Albert F.
Hubbard Edwin N.
*Hubbard, Elijah N.
Hubbard, William H.
*Hubbell, A. L.
*Humphrey, Edwin D.
*Humphrey, Mark
Hunt, Alfred J.
Huntley, L. S.
Hurlburt, Edwin
Hurlburt, Edwin C.
*Hulbert, Henry S.
Huntington, M. T.
Hubbard, Elliott W.
Hughes, John
Hallock, Charles
Hurlock, Henry
Jackson, James H.
Jaqua, Frank
Joyner, Herbert C.
Joyner, John M.
Jerdon, Thomas
Kane Amos
Keefe, William
Kelley, Michael
Kelley, John
Kelley, James
Kelley, Peter
Kilbourn, Edgar A.
*Kilbourn, Mark
Kilbourn, William P.
Kilmer, William
Kellogg, Charles F.
Kellogg, Frederick
Kellogg, Jr., Fred.
Kipp, George I.
Laird, Mark
Laird, Samuel
Langdon, Wallace W.
Langdon, G. B.
Lawton, Joseph F.
Large, Alfred
Larkin, Mrs. Patrick
*Leavitt, Jr., David
*Leavitt, Edward
Leavitt, Harry Y.
Lee, Joseph
Leonard, Willis B.
Leonard, Thomas
Leonard, Fred H.
Leonard, Mrs. ArchelausA.
Lester, A. R.
Lewis, Jared
Lewis, Ward
Lillie, Charles H.
Linsky, Charles J.
Love, David A.
Loftus, Edward
Loring, Almon R.
Loring, Lyman A.
*Mackie, J. Milton
Maley, Patrick
Mansir, A. S.
*Manville, Edward
Manning, John H.
Mallory, C. W.
Martin, Jr., Eli
Martin, George T.
Mason, F. L. D.
Mason, M. F.
McCarty, James
McCoy, T. W.
McDonald, R. H.
McCurdy, R. F.
McNeil, Mrs. Harriet
Mellen, George W.
Meach, Charles
Moulton, B. B.
Morell, W. A.
Morgan, John W.
Munson, George G.
Munson, John C.
Murphy, Philip
Murphy, Edgar M.
Myslinski, Frank J.
Maley, John
Miller, Orson A.
Mignery, Henry J.
Moore, R. H.
Maloney, John
Mallory, Edward
Marrion, Michael
McTigue, Thomas
Mochrie, George W.
Mullaney, James
Mulhall, Thomas
Murphy, Rev. J. H.
McAuliffe, David B.
Nettleton, Lucius J.
New, John C.
Nodine, Seneca
Nodine, Joel
Norton, C. W.
Norton, Patrick
Norton, William W.
Newell, Samuel
Noxon, J. D.
Nye, S. H.
Oakes, James M.
O'Connell, John H.
Oschman, William
Osborne, Noah H.
Osborne, John I.
O'Hara, William
Olds, George W.
O'Neall, Mrs. J. P.
*Palmer, Billings
Palmer, William R.
Parks, William H.
*Pattison, Bazy W.
*Pattison, Amos L.
Parker, James K.
Palmatier, Henry
Palmatier. Mrs Abba J.
Peck, Alfred
Peck, Elias F.
Perry, Isaac G.
Perry, Frank P.
Phillips, Michael
Pierce, Carleton A.
Pinney, Frank
Pixley, Almon B.
Pixley, Charles
Pixley, Edward A.
*Pixley, Edward
Pixley, Hawley
Pixley, M. E.
Pixley, William H.
Pixley, Peter H.
Pixley, Samuel W.
Pixley, Noah E.
Pixley, William E.
Powell, Benjamin
Pruyn, R. T.
Potter, Timothy Z.
Prindle, Isaac R.
Quackenboss, Mrs. M. R.
Race, J. Q. A.
*Race, Nicholas
Ramsdell, T. G.
Ramsey, LeGrand
Rathbun, Charles H.
Reynolds, Milton
Reynolds, Hannah S.
Reed, Ward X.
Reed, Albert L.
Remington, George D.
Rewey, Albert
Rice, Willard W.
Rice, Isaac H.
*Robbins, Henry T.
Rogers, John E.
Royce, Frank E.
Rote, Charles
Russell, Parley A.
Russell, George E.
Ryan, Patrick
Sage, Simeon
Shaw, George H.
Shaw, Charles L.
Sabin, George W.
Sabin, E. C.
Sabin, Jr., Myron

Scott, Henry W.
*Sanford, J. F. & F. T.
Stannard, Kasson P.
Seeley, Thompson
Seeley, William
Seeley, Stewart A.
Seeley, Fred
Seeley, Edward
*Seeley, John M.
Seeley, John
Selkirk, A. W.
Sweet, Norris S.
Selig, August
*Shead, Luke
Steinway, Peter
Stillman Myron P.
Strevell, Harvey
Sheldon, Seth L.
Shepard, Burdett
Shepard, B. D.
Shores, N. W.
Smith, Gilfred
Smith, James
*Smith, Stephen E.
Smith, Henry J.
Snyder, William H.
Siggins, John K.
Strong, T. B.
Strong, Reuben J.
Suma, George W.
Superno, John
Sullivan, Timothy
Sullivan Dennis
Suriner, George
Snyder, Alexander
Snyder, Henry
Snyder, John
Snyder, Matthias
Snyder, William M.
Stoddard, Parker E.
Stone, John S.

Taylor, George
*Taylor, Ralph
Taylor, John C.
Taylor, Ralph I.
Thatcher, Eugene S.
Thomas, E. A.
Tolman, Carl T.
Tracy, Jeremiah
Treat, Daniel A.
Treat, F. M.
Ticknor, Caleb
Tillotson, Charles N.
*Tobey, Henry A.
Tobey, Marcus E.
Thornton, Michael
Tuller, Egbert L.
Tuller, George A.
Tuller, S. L.
Turner, Charles G.
Turner, George L.
Turner, James M.
Turner, Joseph E.
Turner, N. B.
*Turner, H. H. B.
Turner, David M.
Turner, William P.
Turner, David P.
Turner, Frank S.
Turner, Ralph
Tuttle, Isaac S.
Turlay, Mary D.
Tymerson, Martin
Tymerson, Lester W.
Van Allen, Peter
Van Deusen, H. A.
Van Deusen, Isaac
Van Deusen, James
Van Deusen, J. H.
*Van Deusen, William I.
Van Deusen, George
Van Deusen, Robert

Van Deusen, N. D.
Van Patten, William H.
Van Tassell, William
Van Lennep, E. J.
Vosburgh, Richard
Vosburgh, William
Vosburgh, John
Wagner, J. H.
Wagner, Norman
Wagner, Charles
Wadhams, L. C.
Warner, Daniel
Warner, William J.
Warfield, Fred R.
*Walker, William I.
Warner, Henry C.
Watson, Charles
Whalen, Michael
*Wheeler, Merritt I.
Welch, Thomas
Weir, John J.
Whitlock, M. Ludlow
†White, Charlotte
*Whiting, Frederick T.
Whiting, John F.
Whittlesey, F. P.
Wright, Frank H.
Wright, Henry W.
Wilcox, George
Wilcox, H. F.
Wilcox, Monroe
Wilms, E. F.
Wilson, J. E.
Wilson, James
Wilson, William
Winchell, Albert
Winegar, Harvey C.
*Woodworth, E. P.
Woodin, Edward
Wolfe, James

HILLSDALE, N. Y.

Becker, Charles H.
Bliss, William B.
Coon, Henry L.
Decker, Russel W.
Dean, Randall
Downing, Allen B.
Evans, Thomas
Fellows, Aaron
Foster, William
Gilbert, R. A.
Gilbert, L.
Hayward, Wellington
Hunt, Gilbert L.

Holleubeck, Martin A.
Hollenbeck, Nicholas
Hollenbeck, Peter B.
Loomis, Reuben
McIntosh, James
Mitchell, Steven W.
Morey, Austin
Nichols, David A.
Overhiser, Ambrose L.
Palmer, Justin
Palmer, Jackson
Robinson, Charles
Robinson, George

Shults, Cortez
Stannard, Ambrose
Simeons, Friend E.
Tinker, George
Van Deusen, Arthur
Van Deusen, Charles
Van Deusen, Richard
Van Deusen, Frank
Van Deusen, Freeland
Williams, Sanford
Williams, Ambrose L.
Wooden, Henry C.
Winchell, Seymour

LEE.

†Ball, Luther
Baldwin, William H.
Blake, John D.

Brace, Charles E.
Bradley, Alonzo
Breed, William H.

Benton, James F.
Benton, Charles G.
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Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:—

What I know about farming may not be half so interesting, nor in any degree as important as what I do not know. And the more I think on the subject, the more I am inclined to believe that this may be true with those who have investigated the subject most thoroughly. Not only new stars appear in the heavens, adding to the star-light that struggles into our atmosphere, but new light is continually being thrown on the science of Agriculture, so that the farm of to-day is not what it was fifty years ago. But while the farm is so broad a subject, yet it is a field on which one may pick up a gem of thought here and there, although he may be neither a theoretical nor practical farmer. And contemplating the subject in this general way may serve a purpose, amidst so much, not too much, of specialty and statistic. Then for our present theme of thought and remark, let this be the one around which we revolve, like the miller around the lamp, sometimes to be sucked into the flame and consumed, but in both cases, for the instant, adding a tiny spark to the flame.

The word farm, or the Anglo Saxon "feorm," in the Northumbrian version of the New Testament spelled "ferme," in the old Latin "firma," originally meant a feast, an entertainment, hospitality, provisions. And the original meaning still inheres in the word; for the world is still feasted and entertained from the farm. The prince and the begger are alike entertained, nay, are beneficiaries and pensioners

on the bounty of the farmer. Neither of these has earned the bread with which his life is sustained.

We see, from this standpoint, that the farmer is the most independent man that treads the earth. He is the true lord of the manor, and feeds the world. Thus the genuine wise farmer is the great benefactor of the race. The world cannot live without him. The land of the earth lying uncultivated one year, would probably nearly end the race of man.

The wise of all time have so regarded the farm, and the farmer; and, on the whole, the best of men have been devoted to practical farming. George Chalmers, an early Scotch writer on agriculture, in giving an account of the low condition of this industry in Scotland and England, in the 13th century, says: "that in the northern part of Scotland, as well as in the southern part of England the *clergy* were by far the most skillful and industrious husbandmen." I confess, taking the standpoint of the ministry of the present day, this seems very strange; but I regard this historic statement as a very big compliment paid to the profession. And I think it might be paid to the ministers nearer our times: for many of the New England clergy of the past generation were excellent farmers as well as good preachers, and grand patriots. This compliment to the ministry is not without good reason: for is there not a gospel of bread and butter as well as one of grace and salvation? Then the farm may be regarded as not only the foundation of our material civilization, but as a book of revelation as well, in the true study of which the farmer may become a live, if not orthodox theologian. And I think I have known some farmers who had a theology infinently more juicy, blooming, fragrant and fruitful than some I have known coming from orthodox Andover, or uncertain New Haven, or old Harvard, whose orthodoxy or heterodoxy is according to what is my doxy or your doxy. But then, I must confess that I have known some farmers, as well as ministers, who have no theology worth speaking of, and the more the pity in both cases: for if "an undevout astronomer is mad," I must be allowed to say as much for, or against the undevout farmer. According to my way of thinking the two callings are closely related —as closely related as the symbol is to the thing symbolized. Nay, the true farmer, thorough and enthusiastic, is one of the best of God's preachers. And what does he preach? Why, he preaches a gospel of good things, of which the world must partake or die. He preaches a gospel of life, varied, beautiful and abundant. He preaches the doctrine of a resurrection, by consigning the seed to

the grave, and then, by the power of his tender care and wise nurture, calls it up from its winding sheet and bids it bloom, and wave, and rustle, and perfume the air, helping it forward to fruitfulness in the golden wheatfield, the blushing cheek and mellow sweetness of the apple, peach, pear, plum, etc., until the hills and valleys, meadows and cornfields, conscious of life, clap their hands and shout: "O grave where is thy victory?" And well they may; for the victory is complete, and the farmer is co-worker in the performance of the miracle.

He preached the doctrine of a glorious and mysterious transformation, or transmission of a lower type into a higher, not as yet reaching any limits. Under his wise and scientific manipulation of the laws of nature, (for he never works outside of them,) he brings the grass of the primeval pasture forward to the excellent edible grain; and then from this seed multiplies the varieties endlessly, so that we have many varieties of wheat, corn, oats, potatoes, apples, peaches, etc., etc. In the recent state fair of New York, there were on exhibition one hundred and twenty-two varieties of potatoes; of oats, thirty-one varieties; of barley, twelve; of wheat forty-nine; and of vegetable growths over nine hundred sorts were shown.

And the same is true in regard to animals. While neither the farmer nor the Creator produces the transformation of species, he, the farmer, does change the lower type into a higher type. This wonderful evolution is going on continually all around us; and thus on the agricultural field of the world, we see animal life changing from glory to glory, according to the wisdom and spirit of the farmer.

Again, nature gives us the simple flower or single corolla; the garden-farmer gives us the double rose, the double pink, the double hollyhock, the double sunflower, rendered so sensational of late by the dude, may be seen from the fact that he put a sunflower into the button-hole, and into the bosom of Christendom.

Thus you see the farmer preaches a living gospel—a gospel that the world needs and is very apt to appreciate, particularly when people come to experiment on the toothsomeness of farm productions.

And as we thus contemplate the work and mission of the farmer, the fact of progress stands out as distinctly in the farm as in any other sphere of human endeavor and enterprise.

We have spoken of the varieties of farm-production as exhibited in the New York fair, among which there were over nine hundred sorts of vegetable growths. Now if we go back to the time of Henry VIII., in the 16th century, we find that cultivated herbage and edi-

ble roots were still entirely unknown in England. And in 1681 we find the first notice of turnips being fed to sheep; and it would seem that they were not then pulled, but sown with clover and left for the sheep to dig out the meat of the root, leaving nothing but the rind in the ground. It was contended that the turnips thus scooped out were the means of fertilizing the soil by being filled with dew and rain water, "*corrupted by the nitre of the air*," and thus "when they burst" enriched the field. Or the turnips were ploughed in like clover for manure, being yet hardly used for human food. Thus probably all the edible productions of the farm were taken in their wild estate, and by degrees, by patient culture, were brought to their present state. This kind of progress and development is still going on, of which we have familiar illustrations. The tomato has thus been taken from a wild state within a very short time, and made an important article of food on the tables of the rich and poor.

Thus the farmer has to do with this wonderful law of development in nature, and progress is the main fact in this world. But progress in the earth's productiveness makes no advance without the aid of man. This is a God-made world as well; and the man-made world is its civilization, and the farm is the foundation of the latter. Progress would be a hackneyed subject were it ever finished. But what seems sometimes a finishing stroke is but an impulse that brings forth something new, so that when we get to the end, a broader opening expands on the right and left, compelling us to take sides against Solomon and deny the truth of his aphorism that "there is nothing new under the sun." Startled at the coming into our heavens of a new star beyond the sun, we may not be surprised at the finding of many new things this side the sun. To suppose otherwise is as though the Creator could not put into this insignificant microcosm—this little world-pocket, millions more than man can ever find out or dream of. And yet so great is the progress that the thought seems an absurdity or something that demands more proof than an assertion, that many of us have seen this whole modern development, this whole modern progress. Although my life to me seems but a span, a dream, yet it spans the most marvelous record of human improvement and progress of any period of seventy years in the history of man. My life began just within the outer circle of modern progress. The revolution of '76, and the French revolution had given the old world an immense impulse in thought and activities. And when men think, and think earnestly and honestly, improvement and progress must be the results. The 17th century had

been a period of deep and earnest thought, when the foundation of things had been somewhat touched. The theories of human rights had been thought out, and the battle was being fought. The trammels of thought and investigation had been broken and cast off, Galileo had risen from his recantation, saying in an undertone: "*The world does move.*" In that undertone was the faith that drew the veil from the heavens and revealed a new universe. The world moves. That mighty period of theoretic thinking resulted in the practical. Thought began to be applied to the wants of man in every department of life, and the overwhelming majority of the fruits have appeared since I was a boy.

How immense, for instance, are the discoveries in light! Taken as a science, how wonderful! But taken in its artificial form, as applied to human wants, we find invention and progress most striking and interesting. The imperious demand is light. By studied combinations and practical applications, we have brought, since I was a boy, the line of radiance, or illumination, up through the wick of the candle dip, the whale oil wick, the gas jet, the incandescent lime ball, to the blazing electric splendor. Royal flotillas once got their splendor from the faint twinkle of lanterns with which the sides of the vessels were hung. Beacons at the beginning of this century were kindled on hill-tops by wood fires, as was done on the marble tower of Pharos in the time of the Ptolemies, in the harbor of Alexandria. So, near the beginning of this century, tallow candles were stuck in a hoop for the light of the famous Eddystone Lighthouse of England. We still build our lighthouses, and we hang our lamps aloft; but we send our light away in a sustained lightning flash and illuminate the darkened way of the sailor "far, far at sea." By the rockets colored glare we warn of coming danger; or the admiral directs the movements of his fleet; or you frame a picture of dazzling beauty by your pyrotechnics. Now a city saloon is decked with a more splendid illumination than a royal palace, on a fete-day, in olden times. By the intensity and glory of your light you turn night into day, and give the thief and murderer less chance to escape from the pursuit of justice.

But what has all this to do with farming? Why, it has all come since I saw my mother dipping candles, made from the tallow taken from the sheep, or the steer, or the heifer which had been killed on the farm. I see her now—bending over the pot of melted tallow, humming an old melody, while she takes up the rod on which is twisted the wicking, and lowers it into the hot tallow, then raising it

up, giving it a gentle shake, separating with her fingers the forming candles which had stuck together, then placing it on the chair turned down for that purpose. It was in this way the farm produced the candles that lighted the world; but now—we dip the wick in the lightning, and thus we

"Ring out the old, ring in the new,"
Ring out the dark, ring in the light;
Ring out the wrong, ring in the right,
"Ring out the false, ring in the true."

But you say, farmers still make tallow candles; yes, but I would advise you to sell your tallow and buy kerosene as a matter of economy, and sell the tallow to be converted into beeswax, or into oleomargarine, providing you have an easy-going conscience.

But it should not be forgotten that all progress is achieved by beating up against inertia, or opposing forces. All life is a battle and progress is the survival of the fittest. It seems almost cruel, while it is amusing, that the child must learn to walk by much falling and tumbling, and learn the lesson while enduring many bruises. But such is life. Nature throws us back upon our own mettle; so that what we become and yet may be part of ourselves and not something borrowed, or something bestowed upon us as a gratuity or charity. Such is law, that in our getting is our becoming. In our work we acquire our character. A man of not much character may unfold the principles of nautical science; but the captain on the bridge and the pilot at the helm in the midst of the storm or conflagration, or in the midst of the breakers, sternly and bravely and calmly applying the principles of science, facing danger and overcoming obstacles, reveal *character*, the admiration of all.

And no less is the farmer in a condition to win character. By blight, mildew, drought, tempest, floods, winds, insects, grubs, rocks, sand, blue clay, hardhacks, Canada thistles, murrain, glanders, ill adaption of crop to soil,—to the season,—to climate;—the ill adaptation of the fertilizer to the crop and to the soil, bad implements, bad markets;—by meeting all these difficulties and overcoming them, the accomplished farmer is made, and where you have made such a farmer, you have made a man; and the man is infinitely above that which he gathers into the barn and granary, or into the iron safe.

"The *rank* is but the guinea stamp—
The man's the gowd for a' that.
What though on hamely fare we dine,
Wear hoddin-grey, and a' that?
Gie fools their silks, and knaves their wine;

A man's a man for a' that;
For a' that, and a' that,
Their tinsel show, and a' that,
The honest man, though e'er sae puir,
Is king of men for a' that."

The man who overcomes ascends the throne. So you will find where there are the most difficulties to overcome, and they are overcome, there you will find the best and the wisest farmers. This indeed is not always the case, because there are but few who have the lusty will to grapple with these difficulties. You may find the most productive farms where you have only to scratch superficially the bosom of Mother Earth, in order to get a good crop; but not as a rule the best farmers. New England farmers can yet teach those of the West and South. Much does the whole country owe to the fact that New England was settled first, or, I should say, that the first successful settlement was made on the shores of New England. Our Puritan fathers had to contend with most fearful odds, with enemies of every description; the rigors of an inhospitable climate, where the country was snow clad for three months in the year, and streams of water and lakes frozen solid when there were no markets for ice; mountains of rocks when there were no markets for marble and granites, and when the cereal crops had to be hoed in because the plough could not be used: and in order to give the sheep a chance, it is said that they had to be held up by the hind legs, dropping their heads down among the rocks, thus enabling them to get a bite. They had to contend with sand plains, with gigantic forests stretching away unbroken to the west, where the axe of the woodman had never been heard, and where wild beasts and savages had roamed for centuries undisturbed. We can hardly imagine anything more forbidding, or circumstances where there was so little ground for hope, or where the most discerning could predict only a future of failure and ruin. What dauntless courage those circumstances demanded! what heroism! what will! what faith! what muscle! what grit! what indomitable pluck! Among them there were no faint hearts. They commanded the situation. Their grit was harder than the rocks; their pluck mightier than the giants of the forests. Openings were made in the boundless wilderness. Green fields appeared. Farms smiled in the midst of the wilderness. Corn rustled in the valleys. Wheat waved on the hillsides. Herds of cattle lowed in the pastures, and the milkmaid's song was heard in the gloaming. Prosperity came. Man's will was then, as now, mightier than the forces of nature. In the midst of all there was culture, not only the

culture of mother earth, but the culture of mind and heart. The school and the church were planted. First a building which answered three purposes—a church, a school, and a fort. It was made of logs, and a cannon bristled through port-holes on the top, while instruction and worship went on in the room below. Now this was a hard beginning; but in it brain, and will, and muscle were wrought out: intelligence, culture and character that rules men; power that commands the situation, whatever it may be. It is that power that bearded the lion in his island lair. It is that power that emptied the tea into Boston harbor, taking the Atlantic ocean for a tea pot. It is that power that declared for freedom and independence in the face of the whole world, with only a handful of men to fight out propositions making the figures with bayonets traced in blood. It is that power that triumphed at Yorktown. It is that power which has spread over the West and stretched New England to the Pacific. It is that power which has swelled out wheat productions to five hundred million bushels and made ours the foremost wheat growing country in the world. It is that power which, when the first rebel missile struck Fort Sumpter, organized a regiment instanter, and then enabled that regiment to double quick it from Boston to New York, from New York to Baltimore, double quicking it still, through brick bats, paving stones, and cracking revolvers, on to Washington, stacking arms in the capital, waitin orders, ready forthe charge.

All this is the power that slumbers in New England's yeoman's arm. The stalward sons and defenders of liberty have always hailed "from the hill country;" and liberty waves her banner more proudly and defiantly midst mountain fastnesses; and stands for Fatherland midst shot and shell more firmly. Thus the farmers of New England have given to the country some of her grandest defenders.

And not only her defenders in the use of material weapons, but grand defenders of the right and the truth; leaders in opinions, The most of these have come from the farm house; from swinging the scythe, from pitching the hay and oats, from following the plow, from wielding the axe. It is here that physical manhood is wrought out and fitted for legislative struggle, to grasp the questions of state. making men strong enough for railroad kings, merchant princes, grand orators, military commanders and commercial leaders. The farm is giving the most of these men to the country. The farm is thus a most important training-school for responsible and trying positions in life. And I verily believe that a country without farmers would be a country without defence.

But we must inquire, for the moment, what is the material outcome of all this digging among the rocks, and working farms 'midst these storms and zero weather? What is the result of the battle? Why, Massachusetts produces more corn to the acre than any State in the Union, and she has captured her mountain torrents and made us twirl millions of spindles, and her fabrics would enrobe the world. Main lumber has brought its millions of dollars. Massachuseets and Vermont have found more than placiers of gold in their granites and marbles. The Green Mountain Boys, of whom I claim to be one, lead the market in magnificent horses, and sell their sheep, grown among their rocks for $10,000 (ten thousand dollars) a head. This is what comes of the grit that is harder than the flint of our mountains; of a pluck mightier than the frost of our winters; of a cunning that turns hostile forces into channels of wide spreading thrift. Thus the sturdy farmers who grappled these forces, have produced the muscle and the mind that even now dominate the material interest of the land. The South has worn out more farms than would cover the area of New England, and the West is going through the same process. Yet they, the South, producing its millions of bales of cotton, and the West its millions on millions of grain, still cannot move their crops to the markets without coming to the East for the money wherewith to do it. And this is not singular or exceptional. The nation of farmers has ever whipped the world.

The histories of the Greeks and Romans give us a striking illustration. In the Greek literature, which has had such a wide influence upon the world, there is but little reference to the farm or agriculture. One reason may be that when they invaded and conquered the country now known as classic Greece, they reduced the aboriginal inhabitants to slavery, and made them the cultivators of the soil. Hence they were led to look contemptuously on farm life, and the farm enters not into their poetry, or literature in general.

It was quite different with the Romans. They were, in the first periods of their history, farmers. Agriculture was held in high estimation. Whilst among the Greeks, the names of their illustrious families were borrowed from the heroes and gods of their mythology, the most famous houses among the Ancient Romans take their names from their favorite crops and vegetables. Thus it is quite natural for the farm to appear in their poetry and general literature. The gentle and the cultivated Virgil has given to the world and to succeeding generations the poem of the farm in his Georgies. Thus many other Latin poets have celebrated the farm. So in general

literature their great men; among them their Cato, and their greatest orator Cicero should be mentioned. Cato gave particular and wise instructions in relation to farming. In the words of Cicero we get an idea of the high estimation in which farming was held. He was an enthusiast in relation to this industry. A few words from him will be interesting. He says: "I come now to the pleasures of husbandry, in which I vastly delight. They"—the pleasures—"are not interrupted by old age, and they seem to me to be pursuits in which a wise man's life may be spent. The earth does not rebel against authority: it never gives back but with usury what it receives." Now he touches a point which I conceive to be vital to the happiness of the farmer. He continues: "The grains of husbandry are not what exclusively commends it. I am charmed with the nature and productive virtues of the soil. Can those old men be unhappy who delight in the cultivation of the soil? In my opinion there can be no happier life, not only because the tillage of the earth is satisfactory to all, but from the pleasure it yields. The whole establishment of a good and assiduous husbandman is stored with wealth; it abounds in pigs, in kids, in lambs, in poultry, in milk, in cheese, in honey. Nothing can be more profitable, nothing more beautiful than a well cultivated farm."

Thus, in the simplicity of his greatness, spake Rome's most illustious Patrician. He is evidently speaking from his heart as well as intellect. He immerses the burden of farming in the pleasure thereof. There is no mode of living, no work, either manual or intellectual, without its burdens; and there is no employment, the burden of which may be sunk out of sight in the pleasure; and I truly think there is no employment where this may be done with greater gusto than in farming. The farmer who is one from choice and love, is a realistic poet, putting that into material form and shape which the poet puts into words; and if "the poet learns in suffering what he teaches in song," then what should the farmer expect to find otherwise? And from how much suffering and drudgery will this pleasure in farming deliver the one who turns the furrow, and cares for the animals committed to his care.

But this is not the point I was intending to make in thus referring to the Greeks and Romans. This is historic fact; in the end, the famous Grecian phalanx fell before the Roman legion. It was the farmers who carried her eagles in triumph over the world. Her sinews of strength were her farm population. The government seemed to understand this; for she made her every citizen a land

owner. Thus the foundation of the Republic was laid. In this way it was done; each citizen received at first an allotment of about two English acres of land. After the expulsion of the kings, this allotment was increased to about six acres. On the increase of the Roman territory by conquest, the amount was increased to fifty acres, afterwards to five hundred. This is something more than our Homestead Bill: or something more than the allotment to the soldiers who fought our battles. This policy saved Rome, at least in that period of her history, from those races of land sharks, Indian Reservation thieves and murderers, railroad appropriation plotters, and great ranch squatters with Cow-boy annexes, who have so shamed us, and converted our politics, our legislation, and even our jurisprudence into a scramble as to who should have the greatest share of plunder. Ancient Rome was saved from all this by a distribution of the public domain to the people, to whom it belonged, by a God-given right. Two ends were secured by this agrarian policy. First, farm interests were promoted. Second, the patriotism of the nation was unified, intensified and wrought into a power that brought the world down to the feet of Rome. Her policy was to make the nation one of farmers, and while this condition lasted, and no longer, Rome ruled the world.

And thus it has been in all history, and thus I think it ever will be. The farm and the farmer compose the grand conversation of nations, the bulwark of their defences, and the source and fountain of their prosperities. But as yet by far the greatest amount of the profits have been stolen directly from the hands of the workmen. The man who grows the bushel of wheat *ekes* out an existence, while the railroad king and the speculators become millionaires. In the name of God Almighty and humanity, I call for a more just equalization of the profits. In the name of equity and justice I protest against assigning to inert and dead matter, in the form of dollars and cents, a value superior to the will and muscle that guide the plow, or wield the axe, or swing the cradle, or mould and lay the brick, or saw the timber, or frame and tenon it into the elegant mansion. God made the muscle and the will; man made the dollar; and it is a confounded incongruity that the dollar the man makes should become his arbitrary and irresponsible master. The foundation of the millionaire's wealth is the will-moved muscle, and if I mistake not the signs of the times, this will-moved muscle and Providence are on a strike for higher wages. Thus, if the millions of hard-handed laborers who knock at the gates of day every morning, and

millions more whose work time is the night, thus by swelling the already colossal dimensions of our wealth ; if these shall Boycote this devil of surplus wealth, I shall be thankful and think the millennium is at hand.

Surely, the wiser time shall come
When this fine over plus of might,
No longer sullen, slow and dumb
Shall leap to music and to light.
In that new childhood of the world,
Life itself shall dance and play,
Fresh blood through Times shrunk veins be hurled
And labor meet delight half way.

Never did our own honored and nation honoring Lowell sing better than that. But we must conclude with one thought more, a brief reference to the ability to successfully manage a farm.

The farm was once the great mauufacturing establishment of the country. The farmer raised, or made almost everything he used. But now, in a still higher sense, the farm is the grandest manufacturing establishment in the world, manufacturing the most wonderful articles. It is a place where all coarse materials, grass, corn, wheat, rye, oats, potatoes, beets, turnips, carrots, weeds, dirt and offals, are worked up into beef, pork, mutton, lard, tallow, butter, cheese, calves, chickens, horses, lambs, wool ; into trotting muscle, into running muscle, into draught muscle, into all forms of animal life, the beef yielding Durham, the work oxen the Devon mixed with a little Durham, the milk yielding Holstein, and my own little butter making Jersey. Now to say that an ignoramus can successfully do this is to to say nothing less than that a blockhead, a leatherhead, may be a good chemist, and run a laboratory successfully. We do not say that the farmer shall understand and use the technique of science, but we do say the successful farmer *is* a scientific man. His is the work of applied science,

Let this table therefore be covered with agricultural papers and books. I insist that agricultural papers and books. I insist that agriculture is a science, or many sciences combined. True every successful farmer is not a *book* farmer, but he is a scientific man, a man of growing intelligence, fit to be a state-legislator, a congressman, a senator, a president

Let him put his whole mind on to the subject, and feel that the subject is worthy of such devotion. Let the farm be his study as truly as astronomy is the study of the astronomer. Let him study his farm, a live subject, with the same enthusiasm as Tennyson

studies his poem. Let him work his farm as enthusiastically as Huxley, or any other chemist works his laboratory, (the farm is only a very large laboratory,) let him do this, and do it in this way, and his farm will be one of the gardens of Hesperides; his farm will be a poem, a picture of art, and at the same time a place of gold.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

EARLY SUMMER CROPS.

Whole number of entries 75. Winter Wheat, 1; Spring Wheat, 5; five acres Rye, 9; three acres of Rye, 15; one acre of Rye, 21; three acres of Grass 19; five acres of Grass, 5.

There are four premiums offered on Spring Wheat, and we had five entries, but awarded only three premiums on account of two of the pieces containing too much barley, in our opinion, to be entitled to a premium, although one of them, aside from the barley, was the best we saw.

There are five premiums offered on five acre pieces of Rye and five acre pieces of Cultivated Grass, but in neither case have we awarded all the premiums offered, as, in our opinion, the pieces omitted in our awards, both of five acres of Rye and five acres of Grass, were not worthy of a premium.

We fully agree with your committee of last year that the encouragement given by this Society to the raising of Wheat is of very doubtful propriety, as with very exceptional cases it does not result in any profit to the farmer, in dollars and cents, or to better success in seeding than he may have after other grains, and we would recommend this Society to discontinue the offering of any premium for Winter or Spring Wheat.

Best acre Winter Wheat, Joseph Frein, Great Barrington,	$4
Best acre Spring Wheat, A. E. Benton, New Marlboro,	5
2d do., E. P. Tanner, Lee,	4
3d do., Mrs. E. J. Beebe, Alford,	3
Best five acres Rye, George H. Kirby, Sheffield,	7
2d do., Jared Lewis, Great Barrington,,	6
3d do., Nelson Hadsell, Sheffield,	5
Best three acres Rye, E. D. Shears, Sheffield,	7
2d do., Samuel A. Laprise, Stockbridge,	6
3d do., Luther Butler, Lenox,	5
4th do., Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington,	4
5th do., Dennis Hayes, New Marlboro,	2
Best acre Rye, C. F. Stoddard. Alford,	6
2d do., George H. Kirby, Sheffield,	5
3d do., W. P. Doyle. New Marlboro,	4
4th do., F. A. Palmer, Stockbridge,	3
5th do., Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington,	2
6th do., A. J. Freeman, New Marlboro,	1
7th do., Mrs. O. E. Clark, Sheffield,	1

Best three acres Cultivated Grass, E. D. Shears, Sheffield,	$6
2d do., Warren Crissey, Great Barrington,	5
3d do., J. B. Walker, New Marlboro,	4
4th do., E. P. Tanner, Lee,	3
5th do., M. I. Wheeler, Great Barrington,	2
6th do., A. J. Freeman, New Marlboro,	1
Best five acres Cultivated Grass, George F. Woodin, Sandisfield,	6
2d do., Luther B. Brusie, Great Barrington,	5

COMMITTEE.—H. W. Smith.

LATE SUMMER CROPS.

Whole number of entries, 150. Five acres Oats 17; three acres Oats 25; one acre Oats 40; one acre Barley 8; two acres Sowed Corn 13; half acre Sowed Corn 24; Best Farm of 40 acres 7; Best Farm 100 acres 16.

In submitting our report we wish to make some suggestions, as they occur to us in making our examinations. Improvements are the order of the day. With all the improved tools for the cultivation of the soil, how much easier our farm work is done now than twenty-five years ago: but you will occasionally meet with one that does not believe in blooded stock or improved tools.

The Oat crop we found much better than we expected, the dry weather, early in the season, cutting the straw somewhat short in the lower part of the county, but not in the north. The great query with us has been why the crop was so thin in most cases, as three bushels of seed were usually sown on an acre. We could not decide whether it was caused by frost; soon after sowing, or by worms, or by not using good seed. We advise people to use more care in selecting seed. We found too much charlock, thistles and rattlebox. We think the farmers have commenced on the right track in raising oats. That is in top-dressing. The crop will be more satisfactory, and your grass seed more sure to grow, and that is important, as hay is the most important crop.

Barley we found light, most pieces being well mixed with oats. It is a question with us whether it is a profitable crop for our farmers to raise.

We found a great growth of sowed corn, a crop the farmer can not dispense with, as the chief productions of the farm are from the dairy now. We think the best results can be obtained by planting about ten inches apart in the row—instead of sowing—and having the rows three feet apart, then your fodder has substance, and more nutrition, as most all get it too thick when sowed, so it does not mature, and is not so valuable.

The all important subject is the best managed farm, and perhaps we have erred in our decision, if so, we beg pardon. In travelin through the county, it is very gratifying to note the change made in managing farms, also to see the different ways of farming. Some giving their whole attention to the growing of forage, thinking they can buy their grain cheaper than they can raise it, while others think the reverse.

We have been shown crops of corn where no hard work was done. Now how much per bushel has that crop cost? That is a questio

for the farmer to decide, but one fact is what we raise, we do not have to buy. Another success on the farm is the manure pile, with plenty of that you are sure of a good crop, and satisfactory results follow.

We advise the farmers to use more absorbents about the stables, in not doing so there is a great loss of the richest part. One of the best to use is shoddy, (no cheat if used there). Manure is the fountain head of the farm and it does not seem right to see so much of it wasted.

By throwing three of the best farms in the forty acre class over to the hundred acre farms, did not leave a very strong competition in that division. Good management requires more neatness and better order around the buildings than you will see in some places. We suggest that more attention be paid to the garden, for what is there that looks and pays better than a good garden on the farm. We were sorry to see them so neglected. In closing this report we wish to thank all for the kind hospitality that was shown us where we were called. We make the following awards:

Best five acres Oats, J. A. Kline, Egremont,	$7
2d do., Orren Benedict, Pittsfield,	6
3d do., Jared Lewis, Great Barrington,	5
4th do., T. S. Baldwin, Egremont,	4
5th do., H. L. Rowe, Egremont,	3
6th do., E. E. Newman, Egremont,	2
Best three acres Oats, O. T. Benedict. Pittsfield,	6
2d do., P. M. Shaylor, Lee,	5
3d do., Franklin Merrill, Lee,	4
4th do., H. L. Rowe, Egremont,	3
5th do., Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington,	2
6th do., E. N. Hubbard, Great Barrington,	1
Best one acre Oats, Levi Beebe, Great Barrington,	6
2d do., P. M. Shaylor, Lee,	5
3d do., M. S. Heath, Stockbridge,	4
4th do., Nelson Hadsell, Sheffield,	3
5th do., D. B. Dewey, Lenox,	2
6th do., Garrett Sayles, Stockbridge,	1
Best acre Barley. N. B. Curtiss, Stockbridge,	5
2d do., N. W. Coleman, Richmond,	4
3d do., C. A. Mills, Williamstown,	2
Best two acres Sowed Corn, W. M. Chapin, Sheffield,	6
2d do., William I. Walker, Great Barrington,	5
3d do., T. S. Baldwin, Egremont,	4
4th do., C. A. Mills, Williamstown,	3
5th do., M. S. Heath, Stockbridge,	2
6th do., Charles Goodrich, Stockbridge,	1
Best half acre Sowed Corn, Orren Benedict, Pittsfield,	5
2d do., J. L. Millard, Egremont,	4
3d do., T. S. Baldwin, Egremont,	3
4th do., J. J. Hart. New Marlboro,	2
5th do., N. B. Curtis, Stockbridge,	1
Best Managed forty acre Farm, John M. Cooper. Stockbridge,	15
2d do., William I. Walker, Great Barrington,	10
3d do., L. S. Butler, Lenox,	7
4th do., John M. Buck, Stockbridge,	5
5th do., Anson Buck, Stockbridge,	3
Best Managed 100 acre Farm, P. M. Shaylor, Lee,	18
2d do., J. A Kline, Egremont,	12

Third best, Garrett Sayles, Stockbridge, $10
4th do., F. K. Hinckley, Lee, 8
5th do., T. S. Baldwin, Egremont, 6
6th do., H. L. Rowe, Egremont, 4
COMMITTEE.—George Kellogg, W. C. French.

GARDENS.

Whole number of entries 23. Vegetable Garden, professional, 3; Vegetable Garden by competitor, 10; Flower Garden, professional, 2; Flower Garden, non-professional, 8.

From the increased number in entries of Gardens, this season, it appears that there is a growing interest in gardening in Southern Berkshire. Your Committee, on their first visit, found the gardens looking finely for the first week in July. If more taste had been displayed in arranging walks and beds, and more thorough cultivation by some, their gardens would have made a better appearance. It was pleasing to notice on our trips the growing interest taken in flower gardens. Some of them, we should judge, were worthy of a premium had they been entered. The second viewing was made in early September. It was surprising to notice the change since our last visit. The ground which yielded early vegetables was growing crops for winter use. We found two entries that should be classed as market gardens. The Committee would recommend a separate division for market gardens, as was recommended by your last Committee, or that they be debarred from making entries, to relieve the Committee of doubts in regard to their duties Our awards are as follows:

Best Vegetable Garden, cared for by professional, or hired gardener, Mrs. T. G. Ramsdell, Great Barrington, $4
2d do., J. M. Mackie, Great Barrington, 3
Best Vegetable Garden, cared for by competitor, Ferdinand Hoffman, Stockbridge, 4
2d do., George Kellogg, Sheffield, 3
3d do., Ralph Little Sheffield, 2
4th do., Dwight Andrews, Sheffield, 1
Best Market Garden, special premium, Edward Manville, Great Barrington, 3
2d do., Mrs M. J. Busby, Monterey, 2
Best Flower Garden, cared for by professional, or hired gardener, Mrs. J. M. Mackie, Great Barrington, 3
2d do., Mrs W. C. Dalzell, Egremont, 2
Best Flower Garden, cared for by the competitor, Mrs. Frederick Dellert, Great Barrington, 4
2d do., Mrs Henry Dresser, Great Barrington, 3
3d do., Mrs. Orren E. Clark, Sheffield, 2
4th do., Miss M. E. Kellogg, Sheffield, 1
COMMITTEE.—L. P. Keyes, Mrs. W. W. Norton, Mrs. John B. Chadwick.

FALL CROPS.

Whole number of entries 186. Five acres Corn 17; three acres Corn 28; one acre Corn 39; five acres Ensilage Corn 3; one-half acre planted Sweet Corn 11; one acre Buckwheat 27; one acre Potatoes 23; one-fourth acre White Beans 5; one-fourth acre Sugar Beets 5; one-fourth acre Onions 4; one-fourth acre Mangel Wurzels 4; one-fourth acre Carrots 9; Swedish Russian or French Turnips 4; one-fourth acre Cabbage 7.

With pleasure your Committee attended to the duties assigned them, being kindly received and hospitably entertained wherever we were called. We may have erred in judgment but have tried to be particular and thorough, honest and impartial toward all. When we commenced our examination we found corn quite green and backward, but before we finished our examinations it had become quite sound and hard by the warm dry weather that had intervened. We gave H. L. Smith of Lee, first premium on five acres of corn; it had about thirty hills to the rod, twelve rows, yellow corn, best weight seventy-five and nine-tenths pounds to the rod. Charles Spurr of Sheffield received first premium on three acres of corn, twelve rows, yellow corn, thirty and one quarter hills to the rod, average of three pickings, seventy and one-half pounds. E. R. Joyner of Egremont, first premium on one acre of corn, eight rows of white corn very long ears, planted in drills, thirty-nine and two-third hills to the rod, best weight ninty-three and one-half pounds to the rod. We think that about thirty hills to the rod as a rule gives the best results, although Mr. Joyner had many more, and Mr. B. F. Gilmore of Great Barrington was given a premium on three acres of corn, only twenty-one hills to the rod, but such hills I never saw before, we found as many as eleven good ears on a single hill. We found very heavy pieces of ensilage corn, it is astonishing to see the amount that can be grown on an acre. Warren Crissey of Great Barrington, entered five acres of ensilage corn, but through mistake it was placed with the five acre entries of common planted corn in the book given us, so we did not reach him until it was nearly all cut, according to the one-quarter left standing rule we could give no premium, but to all appearance it was very heavy, and we recommended a premium of four dollars be given to him.

We were shown some very good pieces of planted sweet corn, it is without doubt a crop we all can raise to a profit. We found buckwhat a good crop; could have given double the premiums to good pieces if we had had them at our disposal, although we hardly think the society cares to encourage the raising of the crop any more than it now does.

Potatoes were an uneven crop. We were shown some very good crops, near the last of our examination, we found them rotting some. Burbank gave the largest yield, one hundred and ninety-eight pounds to the rod, and Late Rose next. We think every piece that took a premium was planted in drills. White beans and sugar beets were rather a light crop. Onions, a good crop, every piece shown was worthy of a premium. Mangle Wurzels seem to be affected by blight. Carrots were very good. we didn't find a poor crop, we wished we had more premiums at our disposal to place on this worthy crop, and this year an uncommon good crop. Turnips were not a large crop. Cabbage were good. We have a good many good farmers in the society and if one expects to take a premium on any of the leading crops, he must do extra for that crop, as the competition is so sharp he will be left out unless he does.

We think we should plant no more than we can manure well and

cultivate well, as skinning land is poor business, as it costs the same to fence, and about the same to till a poor lot that it does a good one, and the probabilities are that the good well tilled field will produce about double what a poor field will, with some prospect of grass seed taking when we wish to seed down, as is generally the case.

Thanking the society for having appointed us to the position of committee, and thanking all who have so kindly received and hospitably entertained us, we submit the following awards:

Best five acres Corn, H. L. Smith, Lee.	$7
2d do., James Roraback, Sheffield,	6
3d do., Jared Lewis, Great Barrington,	5
4th do., William H. Burgett, Great Barrington,	4
5th do., Willie Smith, Stockbridge,	3
6th do., Dr. J. L. Miller, Sheffield,	2
7th do., D. C. Belden, Lenox,	1
Best three acres Corn, Charles Spurr, Sheffield,	7
2d do., L. M. Joyner, Egremont,	6
3d do., George S. Day, Great Barrington,	5
4th do., B. F. Gilmore, Great Barrington,	4
5th do., E. E. Newman, Egremont.	3
6th do., P. M. Shaylor, Lee,	2
7th do., F. K. Hinckley, Lee,	1
Best acre Corn, E. R. Joyner, Egremont,	7
2d do., Mrs. J. H. Coffing, Great Barrington,	6
3d do., William J. Warner, Great Barrington,	5
4th do., E. P. Tanner, Lee,	4
5th do., Sheldon E. Forrest, Great Barrington,	3
6th do., Harrison Garfield, Lee,	2
7th do., Nelson N. Peck, Sheffield,	1
Best five acres Ensilage Corn, Duane B. Dewey, Lenox,	5
2d do., George A. Stevens, New Marlboro,	3
3d do., Louis Schneider, Sheffield,	2
Special, Warren Crissey, Great Barrington,	3

[Warren Crissey, of Great Barrington, had Ensilage Corn but was placed wrong on our books, so we did not get there until it was nearly all cut. According to the one-fourth rule we could give him no premium, but we would recommend a premium of $3 be given to him.]

Best one-half acre Planted Sweet Corn, J. B. Walker, New Marlboro,	4
2d do., H. Pendleton, Lee,	3
3d do., E. L. Heath, Stockbridge,	2
Best acre Buckwheat, R. H. Race, Egremont,	5
2d do., George R. Lee, Sheffield,	4
3d do., B. N. Clark, Sheffield,	3
4th do., J. A. Kline, Egremont,	2
5th do., J. B. Walker, New Marlboro,	1
Best acre Potatoes, William Mullen, Sheffield,	6
2d do., William H. Day, Great Barrington,	5
3d do., Fred B. Seeley, Stockbridge,	4
4th do., O. H. Munson Monterey,	3
5th do., C. F. Phelps, Stockbridge,	2
6th do., J. R. Huggins, Sheffield.	1
Best one-fourth acre White Beans, D. B. Dewey, Lenox,	3
2d do., Stephen Baldwin, Egremont,	2
3d do., Dr. J. L. Miller, Sheffield,	1
Best one-fourth acre Sugar Beets, Alonzo Bradley, Lee,	4
2d do., J. A. Kline, Egremont,	3
3d do., J. H. Rowley, Egremont,	2

Best one-fourth acre Onions, W. C. French, West Stockbridge, $3
2d do., Levi Boardman, Sheffield, 2
3d do., William J. Warner, Great Barrington, 1
Best one-fourth acre Mangel Wurzels, W. G. Karner, Pittsfield, 3
do. do., J. A. Kline, Egremont, 2
3d do., Frank N. Kellogg, Sheffield, 1
Best one-fourth acre Carrots, C. A. Mills, Williamstown, 4
2d do., Alexander Shand, Williamstown, 3
3d do., Oscar M. Hall, Great Barrington, 2
4th do. W. G. Karner, Pittsfield, 1
Best Swedish, Russian or French Turnips, H. D. Hyde, New Marlboro, 3
2d do., Alexander Shand, Williamstown, 2
3d do., Dominick Garrahan, New Marlboro, 1
Best one-fourth acre Cabbage, A. G. Sweet, Tyringham, 4
2d do., Louis Schneider, Sheffield, 3
3d do., Alonzo Bradley, Lee, 2
4th do., James McGrath, Sheffield. 1

COMMITTEE.—N. B. Turner, Dwight Andrews, George E. Hale.

SEEDS.

Whole number of entries 65. Timothy Seed, 1; Sweet Corn, 5; Seed Corn, 11; Pop Corn, 5; Seed Oats, 13; Seed Rye, 8; White Beans, 4; Seed Barley, 4; Seed Buckwheat, 7; Winter Wheat, 2; Spring Wheat, 5.

Best bushel Timothy Seed, Martin Brown, Egremont, $3
Best thirty pounds traced Ears of Sweet Corn, E. L. Heath, Stockbridge, 3
2d do., W. C. French, West Stockbridge, 2
3d do., Fred Dellert, Great Barrington, 1
Best thirty pounds traced ears Seed Corn, Zacheus Cande, Sheffield, 2
2d do., Charles Spurr, Sheffield, 1
Best twenty pounds traced ears Seed Pop Corn, R. H. Race, Egremont, 2
2d do., J. G. Cropper, Great Barrington, 1
Best bushel Seed Oats, R. M. Curtis, Alford, 3
2d do., J. E. Hollenbeck, Egremont, 2
3d do., M. W. Coleman, Richmond, 1
Best bushel Seed Rye, Horace Candee, Sheffield, 3
2d do., H. T. Candee, Sheffield, 2
3d do., Harvey Roys, Sheffield, 1
Best bushel White Beans, R. H. Race, Egremont, 3
2d do., Stephen Baldwin, Egremont, 2
3d do., A. J. Buck, Stockbridge, 1
Best bushel Seed Barley, F. A. Palmer, Stockbridge, 2
2d do., J. N. Warner, Sheffield, 1
Best bushel Buckwheat, Seneca Nodine, Great Barrington, 2
2d do., William Mullen, Sheffield, 1
Best bushel Winter Wheat, Joseph Frien, Great Barrington, 2
2d do., D. Boardman, Sheffield, 1
Best bushel Spring Wheat, Horace Z. Cande, Sheffield, 2
2d do., A. E. Benton, New Marlboro, 1

COMMITTEE.—C. S. Platt, Charles T. Kellogg, E. R. Joyner.

VEGETABLES AND HORTICULTURE.

Whole number of entries, 124. Largest variety of Garden Vegetables, 4; Pumpkins, 11; Peppers, 4; Turnips, 2; Onions, 12; Squashes, 17; Tomatoes, 4; Cabbages, 5; Beets, 9; Miscellaneous, 33; Best Horticultural display, 2; One-half bushel Potatoes, 21.

Best Variety Garden Vegetables, William H. Gibbons, Great Barrington, $5
2d do., M. L. Whitlock, Great Barrington, 4
3d do., Frederick Dellert, Great Barrington, 3
4th do., Patrick Gibbons. Great Barrington, 2

Best Horticultural Display, D. S. Busby, Monterey,	$10
2d do., Horace Z. Cande, Sheffield,	5
Best half bushel Potatoes, George Peck, Sheffield,	3
2d do., Dwight Boardman, Sheffield,	2
3d do., William Mullen, Sheffield,	1

DISCRETIONARY.

Frank L. Pope, Great Barrington,	$1 00
Dewitt M. Munson, Monterey,	1 00
Noble B. Turner, Great Barrington,	1 00
E. Huggins, Monterey,	50
Beets, Frederick Dellert, Great Barrington,	50
Beets, C. H. Nichols, Richmond,	50
Squash, F. O. Andrus, Sheffield,	50
Squash, C. W. Baldwin, Great Barrington,	50
Squash, Louis Schneider, Sheffield,	50
Pumpkins, D. S. Busby, Monterey,	1 00
Turnips, J. H. Rowley, Egremont,	50
Pumpkins, Roger Hayes, New Marlboro,	50
Turnips, Joseph Ramsey, Egremont,	1 00
Turnips, C. S. Phelps, Stockbridge,	50
Cabbage, James McGrath, Sheffield,	50
Cabbage, Louis Schneider, Sheffield,	50
Tomatoes, Frederick Dellert, Great Barrington,	50
Tomatoes, C. H. Nichols, Richmond,	50
Onions, Frederick Dellert, Great Barrington,	50
Onions, Levi Boardman, Sheffield,	50
Peppers, Rev. J. S. Ellis, Sheffield	50
Peppers, Dwight Andrews, Sheffield,	50
Sweet Potatoes, Frank L. Pope, Great Barrington,	1 00
Celery, Frederick Dellert, Great Barrington,	50
Carrots, Frederick Dellert, Great Barrington,	50
Sun Flower, John Larkin, Great Barrington,	50
Citrons, William C. French, West Stockbridge,	50
Watermelons, E. L. Boardman, Sheffield,	1 00
Watermelons, A. B. French, West Stockbridge,	50
Cauliflower, Frederick Dellert, Great Barrington,	50
Sweet Corn, E. L. Heath, Stockbridge,	1 00

COMMITTEE.—Ralph Little, Edwin Lambert, H. M. Baldwin.

HOUSEHOLD MANUFACTURES.

FIRST DIVISION.

Whole number of entries, 40. Rag Carpeting, 9 ; Hearth Rugs, 31.

Best twenty yards Rag Carpeting, Mrs. A. E. Harris, West Stockbridge,	$6
2d do., Mrs. Ralph Little, Sheffield,	5
3d do., Mrs. H. L. Rowe, Egremont,	4
4th do., Mrs. H. W. Burget, Egremont,	3
5th do., Mrs. William I. Walker, Great Barrington,	2
6th do., Miss Lucia Peck, Sheffield,	1
Best Hearth Rug, Mrs. L. O. Mason, Sheffield,	4
2d do., Mrs. E. M. Langdon, Lee,	3
3d do., Mrs. T. S. Reed, Pittsfield,	2
4th do., Mrs. John Brown, Pittsfield,	2
5th do., Mrs. Jerdon Vosburgh, Sheffield,	1

DISCRETIONARY.

Rag Carpeting, Mrs. Frank Amsted, Great Barrington,	$1
Hearth Rug, Mrs. Isaac H. Rice, Great Barrington,	1
Hearth Rug, Mrs. Stephen Hatch, Great Barrington,	1
Hearth Rug, Mrs. Mary F. Crosby, New Marlboro,	1
Hearth Rug, Mrs. Alvan French, Pittsfield,	1

Hearth Rug, Mrs. H. W. Chapin, Pittsfield, 1
Hearth Rug, D. L. Wilcox, Sheffield, 1
Hearth Rug, Miss Nellie Tripp, Sheffield, 1
Hearth Rug, Miss Clara Hubbard, Pittsfield, 1
Hearth Rug, Miss Mary L. Palmer, Stockbridge, 1

COMMITTEE.—William I. Van Deusen, Mrs. J. B. Chadwick, Mrs. H. T. Cande.

SECOND DIVISION.

Whole number entries, 31. Afghan or Lap Robe, 8; White or Colored Woolen Yarn, 2; Woolen Hose, 12; Woolen Mittens, 9.

We found in this Division thirty-one entries, against twenty-six last year, the number of entries under each head being larger, except in woolen yarn, last year showing five specimens with only two this. The women of the nineteenth century derive more good and pleasure from the manipulation of the keys of the piano-forte, drawing from them, by their skill, delighting, inspiring strains, than in sending the wheel 'round and 'round, and singing with its humming accompaniment, which was the music that brought light-heartedness to our grandmothers, and charmed their ears. And great pride they took in drawing out the slender thread to its utmost fineness, and in making it smooth and even; and they tell us yet of the number of "knots" they could run in a day, with evident satisfaction. The art has been copied by a few, but in most homes, where there is an old-time spinning wheel to-day, it is found in a cabinet containing a collection of articles of antiquity or bric-a-brac; carefully polished and cared for, and standing as a link in the chain of the past, and regarded with some degree of reverence as well as curiosity.

Also in the hand-knitting of hose we are led back, and find very little of it done in our day. We recall, tenderly, from the home picture, the memory of the shining steel needles, their gentle click, and the flying fingers, moving so rapidly that we could not see the thread put around the needle, though watching closely; and at the close of the long winter evening beheld a stocking well on toward completion as if accomplished by magic.

And why should knitting and spinning be encouraged? The flying spindles of huge factories have taken the place of the single spindle, and knitting machines that of the fou rneedles, and accomplish in minutes, perhaps seconds, the work of hours in the old way. In this age of rush and activity, when the wool can be taken from the sheep's back and in three hours be transformed into a handsome coat, it is *too expensive*, as a rule, to spin yarn and knit hose by hand. Because of these improved facilities hose can be purchased at so low a price, are so shapely and soft, and on the whole so pleasant to wear, that they receive the preference, and the housewife has given up the plan of supplying her family with her own handiwork and her knitting is taken up only for a pastime, because she enjoys it.

But that the work can be done by hand, in a machine-like manner, could not be denied after an inspection of the articles exhibited; there were from four to six pairs in a bunch, made smooth, even and strong, and thick as if to keep out the severest winter cold. Then, too, there were silken hose, wrought in elaborate patterns, still others

of cotton. Those receiving the first premiums were made by a lady of eighty-five years, and were worthy examples of what could be accomplished by aged fingers, and possibly the owners of younger ones would blush at their inability to do as much.

The first premium mittens were thick and heavy as leather, but warmer and much more pliable, and might be coveted by any man compelled to work or drive when the mercury is retiring to the bottom of the thermometer even though people do slyly dub the mittens as "young man's horror." A large number of the mittens shown were for ladies' and childrens' wear, made of fine wool or silk, and the backs knit in fancy designs.

Seven afghans were exhibited and examined. Only the one receiving the first award was made in afghan stitch, and it was much heavier than any of the others. The design was black stripes, alternating with delicate Roman ones. The others were also well made. Four were crocheted, two knit in plain knitting and embroidered. While other stitches give a pretty effect, require less wool, and are more quickly accomplished, the afghan stitch makes the best robe, being handsome, warmer, and keeping its shape better. In making an Afghan the selection and combination of colors that harmonize, and produce an artistic result, require much care and are of equal consequence with the manner in which the work is done; an article that does not please the eye *may* keep one warm, but he is likely to feel a trifle more comfortable under a thing that can elicit admiration. A work of beauty is restful to the eye and soothing to the spirit.

Best Afghan or Lap Robe, Miss Carrie Chapin, Sheffield,	$3
2d do., Mrs. L. L. Atwood, Pittsfield,	2
3d do., Mrs. Stephen Hatch, Great Barrington,	1
Best three pounds White or Colored Woolen Yarn, E. R. Smith, New Marlboro,	3
2d do., Mrs. R. H. Bradford, Egremont,	2
Best four pairs Woolen Hose, Mrs. Almeda Fitch, New Marlboro,	3
2d do., Mrs. Charles Crosier, Washington,	2
3d do., Mrs. A. D. Van Deusen, Great Barrington,	1
Best three pairs Woolen Mittens, Mrs. C. D. Codding, Egremont,	2
2d do., Mrs. William Abbott, Sheffield,	1

DISCRETIONARY.

Woolen Mittens, Mrs. L. Lockwood, West Stockbridge,	1
Woolen Mittens, Miss Lizzie Nichols, Richmond,	1
Woolen Mittens, Miss Lettee Hurlbut, Great Baarington,	1
Woolen Mittens, Mrs. L. S. Huntley, Great Barrington,	1
Woolen Hose, E. R. Smith, New Marlboro,	1
Woolen Hose, Mrs. H. Roys, Sheffield,	1
Woolen Hose, Mrs. Cora Blow, Becket,	1
Woolen Hose, Mrs. Francis Crozier, Washington,	1
Woolen Hose, Mrs. Charles Crozier, Washington,	1
Woolen Hose, Mrs. Maria Kelley, Washington,	1
Woolen Hose, Mrs. H. W. Snow, Becket,	1
Afghans, Mrs. C. C. Beecher, Great Barrington,	1
Afghans, Mrs. C. P. Bond, Lenox,	1
Afghans, Mrs. Henry Goodhind, Great Barrington,	1

COMMITTEE.—F. S. Aymar, Mrs. George Kellogg, Miss Cora Potts.

THIRD DIVISION.

Whole number entries, 57. Bed Spreads, 13; Quilts, 13; Silk Quilts, 13. Patchwork by girl not over 12 years, 18.

Best Bed Spread, Mrs. A. E. Gaston, West Stockbridge,	$4
2d do., Mrs. Martin Slosson, Richmond,	3
3d do., Miss Canning, Stockbridge,	2
4th do., Mrs. Elias F. Peck, Great Barrington,	1
Best Quilt, Miss E. F. Millard, Egremont,	5
2d do., Mrs. E. C. Herrick, Great Barrington,	4
3d do., Mrs. F. A. Woodruff, Great Barrington,	3
4th do., Mrs. L. R. Heath, Tyringham,	2
5th do., Mrs. Guy Day, Great Barrington,	1
Best Silk Quilt, Mrs. C. H. Spencer, West Stockbridge,	5
2d do., Minnie E. Crippin, Sheffield,	4
3d do., Mrs. F. H. Woodruff, Great Barrington,	3
4th do., Mrs. A. S. Fassett, Great Barrington,	2
5th do., Miss Clara Kellogg, Great Barrington,	1
Best Patchwork by girl of not over 12 years, A. May Harder, Lee,	3
2d do., Maud Race, Egremont,	2
3d do., Ella Rowe, Egremont,	1

DISCRETIONARY.

Bed Spread, A. W. Millard, Egremont,	1
Bed Spread, Mrs. W. H. Martin, Monterey,	1
Quilts, Miss Sadie Champlin, Otis,	1
Quilts, Mrs. F. M. Olmsted, Egremont,	1
Quilts, Bridget Scanlon, Great Barrington,	1
Quilts, Hattie M. Dewey, Pittsfield,	1
Quilts, Mrs. Lucinda Millard, Egremont,	1
Silk Quilt, Miss Cora Heath, Tyringham,	1
Silk Quilt, Mrs. W. H. Dresser, Sheffield,	1
Silk Quilt, Mrs. Orren Curtiss, Sheffield,	1
Silk Quilt, Miss Althea Burt, Pittsfield,	1
Silk Quilt, Mrs. E. L. Gorham, Great Barrington,	1
Silk Quilt, Mrs. M. L. Pierpont, Sheffield,	1
Patch Work, Leroy Tobey, Alford,	1
Patch Work, Mrs. Nellie Guerin, Otis,	1
Patch Work, Elsie Huntley, Great Barrington,	1
Patch Work, Frank Sweet, West Stockbridge,	1
Patch Work, Mrs. Hannah Royce, Great Barrington,	1
Quilt, Mrs. Fred. Abbey, Great Barrington,	1
Portiere, Miss M. E. Potts, Egremont,	1

COMMITTEE.—O. C. Houghtaling, Mrs. Geo. F. Bartholomew, Mrs. Ida French.

PAINTING, DRAWING, ETC.

Whole number entries, 30. Oil Painting, 13; Painting in Water Colors, 8. Crayon Drawing, 3; Pencil Drawing, 6.

Best Oil Painting, Miss Loring, Sheffield,	$5
2d do., Mrs. George Holland, Pittsfield,	4
3d do., Miss Anna Foote, Lee,	3
4th do., Mrs. C. W. Norton, Great Barrington,	2
5th do., Mrs. C. H. Nichols, Richmond,	1
Best Painting in Water Colors, Miss A. J. Russell, Great Barrington,	4
2d do., Mrs. George Holland, Pittsfield,	3
3d do., Mrs. T. G. Ramsdell, Great Barrington,	2
4th do., Miss A. L. Pixley, Great Barrington,	1
Best Crayon Drawing, Miss Anna Foote Lee,	3
2d do., Miss N. Wickwire, Sheffield,	2
3d do., Miss A. L. Pixley, Great Barrington,	1
Best Pencil Drawing, Miss A. L. Pixley, Great Barington,	2
2d do., Miss Anna Foote, Lee,	1

DISCRETIONARY.

Oil Painting, Burt Roys, Sheffield,	1
Oil Painting, Miss A. L. Pixley, Great Barrington,	1

Oil Painting, Miss Moffatt, West Stockbridge, 1
Oil Painting, Miss Kittie Bacon, Sheffield, 1
India Ink, Fred J. Curtis, Sheffield, 1
Pencil Drawing, Miss M. E. Potts, Egremont, 1
Pencil Drawing, Miss Edith Loop, Pittsfield, 1
Kensington Painting, Mrs. C. C. Beecher, 1

COMMITTEE.—Dr. N. E. Heath, Mrs. Martha G. Dalzell, Mrs. D. G. Anderson.

WAX, HAIR, FEATHER, REPOUSSE, CARVED AND SAWED WORK.

Whole number entries, 37. Wax Fruit or Flowers, 5; Hair Work, 2. Feather Work, 6; Repousse Work, 1; Carved Work, 0; Fancy Sawed Work, 5; Millinery Goods, 18.

Best Wax Fruit or Flowers, Mrs. W. E. Ford, Great Barrington, $3
2d do., Miss A. L. Pixley. Great Barrington, 2
Best Hair Work, Mrs. J. E. Hollenbeck, Egremont, 3
2d do., Mrs. F. Van Deusen, Egremont, 2
Best Feather Work, Mrs. J. E. Hollenbeck, Egremont, 3
2d do., Miss Kittie Bacon, Sheffield, 1
Best Repousse, Work, Miss Katie Cass, Great Barrington, 3
Best Carved Work, Mrs. M. C. Benjamin, New Marlboro, 2
2d do., George B. Tobey, Alford, 1
Best Sawed Work, Fred Debell, Alford, 2
2d do., Harlow N. Pease, Alford, 1
Best Display of Millinery Goods, A. S. Fassett, Great Barrington, 3

MISCELLANEOUS

Seed Wreath, Jennie Andrews, Sheffield, 1
Worsted Flowers. Lucia Peck, Sheffield. 1
Scrap Book, Mabel E. Bennett, Sheffield. 1
Scrap Book, Jennie Andrews, Sheffield, 1
Screen of Cards, Mary Kellogg, Sheffield, 1
Parrot of Leaves, Mrs. D. Andrews, Sheffield, 1
Knife Box, Charles Cook, New Marlboro, 1
Sawed Work, G. H. Shaw, Great Barrington, 1
Frames, W. H. Van Patten, Great Barrington, 1
Wax Work, Ella Gardner, Egremont, 1
150 Different Kinds of Wood, L. A. Fuller, Great Barrington. .50

COMMITTEE.—W. H. Bolton. Mrs. Sarah Baldwin, Mrs. Horace Z. Cande.

NEEDLE WORK AND WORSTED EMBROIDERY.

Whole number entries, 29. Needlework, 16; Worsted Embroidery, 13.

Best Needlework by non-professionals, Mrs. M. L. Whitlock, Gt. Barrington, $4
2d do., Emma Wilson, Great Barrington, 3
3d do., Mrs. W. G. Karner, Pittsfield, 2
4th do., Mrs. Henry Joyner, Sheffield, 1
5th do., Mrs. Willis B. Leonard, Great Barrington, 1
6th do., Hattie M. Brooks, Pittsfield, 1
Best Wrosted Embroidery, non-professionals, Mrs. Van Horn, W. Stockbridge, 4
2d do., Libbie A. Bronson, Sheffield, 3
3d do., Mrs. Joseph Kenyon, Otis, 2
4th do., Mrs. H. W. Wright, Great Barrington, 1

The following articles the Committee deem worthy of a discretionary premium:

WORSTED EMBROIDERY.

Stool, Mrs. E. Ramsdell, Great Barrington, 1
Lambrequin, Mrs. George M. Black, Otis, 1
Rick Rack, Mrs. W. H. Snow, Becket' 1
Handkerchief, Mrs. L. O. Mason, Sheffield, 1

Embroidered Collar and Vest, Mrs. Lizze Busby, Great Barrington. 1
Tidy, Mrs. William Abbott, Sheffield, 1
Hand Made Lace, Mrs. Charles O. Brown, Sheffield, 1
Apron, Mrs. Luella Wagner, Egremont, 1
Run Lace, Winnie Ford, Stockbridge, 1

COMMITTEE.—Charles A. Dewey, Mrs. E. J. Vosburgh, Miss E. P. Whitlock.

KENSINGTON AND SILK EMBROIDERY.

Whole number entries, 81. Kensington Embroidery, 22; Silk Embroidery, 7; Outline Embroidery, 16; Arisene Embroidery, 14; Miscellaneous, 22.

Best Kensington Embroidery by non-professionals, Mrs. T. I. Ferguson, Great Barrington, $5
2d do., Miss Agnes S. Palmer, New Marlboro, 4
3d do., Miss Ida L. Murray, Pittsfield, 3
4th do., Mrs. C. T. Tolman, Great Barrington, 2
Best Silk Embroidery Kensington stitch excluded (by non-profesionals,) Mrs. William Abbott, Sheffield, 4
2d do., Isabel L. Olds, Lee, 3
3d do., Mrs. George M. Beach, Otis, 2
4th do., Miss Wright, Great Barrington, 1
Best Outline Embroidery by non.professionals, Mrs. A. M. Little, Sheffield, 3
2d do., Mrs. Orrin Curtis, Sheffield, 2
3d do., W. W. Tracy, Pittsfield. 1
Best Arisene Embroidery non-professionals, Mrs. L. Fuller, Gt. Barrington, 3
2d do. Mrs. W. H. H. Clark, Pittsfield, 2
3d do., Mrs. Laura Fuller, Great Barrington, 1

DISCRETIONARY.

Pongee Tidy, Mrs. William Abbott, Sheffield, 1
Table Scarf, Miss Ella Gardner, Egremont, 1
Specimen Kensington Embroidery, Mrs. J. G. Barnard, Sheffield, 1
Two Specimens Kensington Embroidery, W. W. Tracy, Pittsfield, 1
Table Cover, Fannie Benton, Sheffield, 1
Doyles, Mrs. W. E. Cooper, Great Barrington, 1
Specimen Outlining, Mrs. F. Wright, New Marlboro, 1
Specimen Outlining, W. G. Karner, Pittsfield, 1
Two Specimens Outlining, Miss E. Ramsdell, Great Barrington, 1
Arisene Scarf, B. Wolcott, Great Barrington, 1
Arisene Scarf, C. N. D. Powers, Pittsfield. 1
Arisene Scarf, Two Specimens, Nellie Wickwire, Sheffield, 1
Table Scarf, Almon A. Olds, Lee, 1
Specimen, Mrs. R. A. Webster, Lee, 1
Sofa Pillow, Luella Wagner, Egremont, 1
Table Scarf, Mrs. E. R. Joyner, Egremont, 1
Embroidery, Mrs. Flynt Smith. Sheffield, 1
Table Cover, Miss Dodge, Great Barrington, 1

COMMITTEE.—A. S. Fassett, Mrs. W. W. Norton, Mrs. O. C. Houghtaling.

CROCHET AND KNIT WORK AND TATTING.

Whole number entries, 114. Crochet Work, 64; Knit Work, 45; Tatting, 4; Net Work, 1.

Best Crochet Work, Sadie Champlin, Otis, $4
2d do., Mrs. T. S. Baldwin, Egremont, 3
3d do., Miss Agnes Burtch, Sheffield, 2
4th do., Mrs. C. Smith, Sheffield, 1
Best Knit Work, Mrs. Nellie Guerin, Otis. 4
2d do., Mrs. A. B. Champlin, Otis, 3
3d do., Miss Lizzie E. Lindsey, Sheffield, 2
4th do., Miss Alice Ray, Great Barrington, 1

Best Tatting, Miss M. A. Stafford, Stockbridge,	$3
2d do., Miss A. L. Pixley, Great Barrington,	2
3d do., Miss Alice Luka, Great Barrington,	1
DISCRETIONARY.	
Crochet Head Rest, Mrs. M. E. Cowles, Sheffield,	1 00
Crochet Skirt, Mrs. T. J. Pell, Great Barrington,	1 00
Crochet Shawl, Miss Hattie Clark, Sheffield,	1 00
Crochet Lace Apron, Mrs. Fred Seeley, Great Barrington,	50
Crochet Shoulder Scarf, Mrs. Fred Seeley, Great Barrington,	50
Crochet Sack, Miss Susie Wright, Great Barrington,	1 00
Knit Skirt, Mrs. T. J. Pell, Great Barrington,	1 00
Knit Lace, Mrs. T. I. Ferguson, Great Barrington,	1 00
Knit Skirt, Miss Vira Holian, Great Barrington,	1 00
Knit Mittens, Miss Belden Sheffield,	1 00
Knit Hose, Miss Phœbe Walker, Great Barrington,	1 00
Knit Lace, Frank Sweet, West Stockbridge,	50
Knit Lace, Nancy Wheeler, West Stockbridge,	50
Knit Shoes, Mrs. H. Joyner, Sheffield,	1 00
Knit Silk Socks, Mrs. C. C. Beecher, Great Barrington,	1 00
Knit Lace, Mrs. Charles Crozier, Becket,	2 50
Knit Hose, Mrs. T. Kenyon, Otis,	1 00
Knit Lace Tie, Mrs. E. S. Day, Otis,	1 00
Tatting Toilet Mat, Miss Cora Potts, Egremont,	50
Knit Leggins, Mrs. Jane Warner, Sheffield,	1 00
Knit Lace, Mrs. George Beach, Otis,	1 00

COMMITTEE.—R. H. McDonald, Grace E. Whiting, Miss L. B. White.

LACE, BEAD, DRAWN WORK, DARNING AND MENDING.

Whole number entries, 45. Macreme Work, 4; Hand Made Lace, 6; Bead Work, 3; Drawn Work, 10; Darning, 15; Mending of Clothes, 7.

Best Macreme Work, Mrs. T. I. Ferguson, Housatonic,	$3
2d do., Mrs. William Abbott, Sheffield,	2
3d do., Miss Nellie Smith, Pittsfield,	1
Best Handmade Lace, Mrs. H. McNiel, Great Barrington,	3
2 do., Mrs. Nellie Guerin, Otis,	2
3d do., Mrs. Mary Royce, Great Barrington,	1
Best Bead Work. Mrs. J. Kenyon, Otis,	3
2d do., Mrs. Nellie Guerin, Otis,	2
3d do., Mrs. Cora Snow, Becket,	1
Best Drawn Work, Mrs. T. I. Ferguson, Housatonic,	3
2d do., Emma Andrus, Sheffield,	2
3d do., Mrs. William Abbott, Sheffield,	1
Best Darning, Mrs. William Abbott, Sheffield,	2
2d do., Miss Sadie Champlin, Otis,	1
Best Mending of Clothing, Mrs. William Stevens, Sheffield,	2
2d do., Mrs. M. Snyder, Great Barrington,	1
DISCRETIONARY.	
Lace Work, Miss E. R. Mott, Great Barrington,	1
Drawn Table Scarf, Mrs. G. H. Lemist, Sheffield,	1
Drawn Work Handkerchief, Miss F. Crosier, Becket,	1
Drawn Table Scarf, Mrs. R. H. Bradford, Egremont,	1
Darned Lace, Miss A. A. Rice, Great Barrington,	1
Specimen Darning, Mrs. J. N. Warner, Sheffield,	1
Specimen Darning, Mrs. G. A. Holland, Pittsfield,	1
Specimen Darning, Mrs. S. Mellius, Mt. Washington,	1
Mended Handkerchief, Mrs. Lizzie Busby, Great Barrington,	1

COMMITTEE.—S. W. Wright, Mrs. J. E. Potter, Mrs. E. R. Joyner.

BUTTER.

Whole number entries, 45. Butter, 45.

Best twenty pounds of Butter, Mrs. E. M. Tyrrel, Egremont, $8

This butter was made from grade Jersey cows, milk set in common shallow pans. After standing thirty-six hours was skimmed, then churned in a dash churn, butter washed and salted, about three-fourths of an ounce to one pound of butter, after standing about twenty-four hours, then worked with a ladle and packed.

MRS. E. M. TYRREL, Egremont, Mass.

2d do., Mrs. J. A. Kline, Egremont, $7

Our dairy consists of Short Horns and grade Jerseys, the milk is set in deep cans placed in ice water. After standing twelve hours the cream is taken off and brought to a temperature of sixty degrees, is then allowed to stand until slightly acid, and churned in a Davis swing churn. The butter is thoroughly washed while in the granular form and three-fourths of an ounce of salt, added to each pound.

MRS. J. A. KLINE, Egremont, Mass.

3d do., Mrs. Dwight W. Merriffield, Sheffield, $6

The milk is set in a Moseley Creamery. After standing twenty-four hours the cream is taken off and when slightly acid is churned in a Stoddard churn, the butter salted with three-fourths of an ounce of salt to the pound, after standing twelve hours is worked with a ladle and packed.

MRS. D. W. MERRIFIELD, Sheffield, Mass.

4th do., Mrs. M. V. Thompson, Monterey, $5

The milk from which this butter was made was set in open pans, cream raised in thirty-six hours and allowed to stand twelve hours after the last skimming of cream was added, churned in Blanchard churn, washed once in spring water at sixty degrees, salted on Read butter worker and allowed to stand three hours, then worked and packed. About three-quarters of an ounce of salt was used for a pound of butter. The milk was from grade Jersey heifers.

MRS. M. V. THOMPSON, Monterey, Mass.

5th do., Mrs. Orrin E. Clark, Sheffield, $4

This butter is made from grade Jersey cows, set in shallow pans twenty-four hours, churned in a Blanchard churn, salted by guess with Onondaga dairy salt.

MRS. O. E. CLARK, Sheffield. Mass.

6th do., A. J. Freeman, New Marlboro, $3

The butter offered by me for premium was made from the milk of Native cows, set in deep cans, in running water, cream taken off after standing thirty-six hours, churned, when slightly acid, in a Stoddard churn. Buttermilk is drawn off, butter washed in cold water, then laid upon a Cunningham butter worker and one ounce of salt to the pound is worked in. Allowed to stand twelve hours, then worked again and packed.

A. J. FREEMAN, New Marlboro, Mass.

7th do., Mrs. O. W. Judd, Egremont, $2

This butter was made from the milk of native cows, being set in common tin pans; cream taken off before milk soured; churned in a Blanchard churn, washed until the water was clear; salted one ounce to a pound. Worked with a butter ladle.

MRS. O. W. JUDD, South Egremont, Mass.

8th do., Mrs. B. F. Baldwin, Egremont, $1

Milk set in pans standing thirty-six hours, skimmed, and churned in a barrel churn. Butter washed and salted, one ounce of salt to a pound of butter.

MRS. B. F. BALDWIN, South Egremont, Mass.

COMMITTEE.—F. S. Pitcher, F. A. Palmer, C. J. Burget.

CHEESE.

Whole number entries, 12. Cheese, 9; Sage Cheese, 3.

Best twenty-five pounds of Cheese, Jerome Crittenden, Tyringham,	$5
2d do., Mrs. E. H. Slater, Tyringham,	4
3d do., Mrs. W. J. Clark, Sheffield,	3
4th do., Mrs. Orrin E. Clark, Sheffield,	2
5th do., Mrs. O. W. Cone, Sandisfield,	1

COMMITTEE.—E. E. Barnes, Geo. Kellogg, J. W. Ford.

WHITE BREAD AND BISCUIT.

Whole number of entries, 95. White Bread, 58; Biscuit, 37.

Best White Bread, Mrs. Myron Rowe, Egremont,	$4
2d do., Mrs. Emma Wilson, Great Barrington,	3
3d do., Mrs. John Bacon, Sheffield,	2
4th do., Mrs. Noah Osborne, Great Barrington,	1
Best Biscuit, Mrs. E. J. Vosburgh, Sheffield,	4
2d do., Miss Hattie J. Langdon, Great Barrington,	3
3d do., Mrs. William H. Pixley, Great Barrington,	2
4th do., Mrs. J. A. Kline, Egremont,	1
44 Entire Wheat, Mrs. Harvey Roys, Sheffield,	1

COMMITTEE.—Dyer Stanard, Mrs. L. K. Kline, Mrs. William Makeley.

RYE, BROWN AND GRAHAM BREAD.

Whole number of entries, 48. Rye, 20; Brown, 13; Graham, 15.

Best Rye Bread, Mrs. Myron Rowe, Egremont,	$3
2d do., Mrs. Abner Roys, Sheffield,	2
3d do., Mrs. B. N. Clark, Sheffield,	1
Best Brown Bread, Mrs. Harvey Roys, Sheffield,	3
2d do., Mrs. J. A. Royce, Lanesboro,	2
3d do., Mrs. C. F. Brown, Egremont,	1
Best Graham Bread, Mrs. George Tinker, Egremont,	3
2d do., Mrs. Abner Roys, Sheffield,	2
3d do., Mrs. H. T. Potts, Egremont,	1
DISCRETIONARY.	
Rye Bread, Mrs. L. J. Wright, Egremont,	1
Rye Bread, Mrs. Wright Crippen, Sheffield,	1
Brown Bread, Mrs. J. Vosburgh, Great Barrington,	1
Mrs. H. B. Rounds, Great Barrington,	1
Graham Bread, Mrs. J. L. Millard, Egremont,	1

COMMITTEE.—H. T. Cande, Mrs. H. W. Burget, Miss P. E. Walker.

MAPLE SUGAR, SYRUP AND HONEY.

Whole number of entries 34. Maple Sugar, 6; Maple Syrup, 21; Honey, 6; Beeswax, 1.

Best Maple Sugar, G. H. Wheeler, Monterey,	$3
2d do., Ambrose Stanard, New Marlboro,	2
3d do., L. M. Stanard, New Marlboro,	1
Best Maple Syrup, Mrs. E. Balch, Sheffield,	3
2d do., Mrs. H. A. Freeman,	2
3d do., W. J. Clark, Sheffield	1
Best Five Pounds Honey, Riley R. Chase,	3
2d do., E. J. Slater, Tyringham,	2
3d do,, E. P. Turner,	1

COMMITTEE.—Henry W. Palmer, George A. Shepard, H. Z. Cande.

FLOWERS, HOUSE PLANTS, &C.

Whole number of entries, 90. Potted Plants, professional, 1; Cut Flowers, professional, 1; Potted Plants, non-professional, 5; Cut Flowers, non-professional, 10; Floral Designs, 5; Collection of Pansies, 7; Collection of Verbenas, 9; Collection of Roses, 3; Collection of Geraniums, 4; Collection of Foliage Plants, 4; Collection of Asters, 6; Collection of Gladiolus, 4; Collection of Wild Flowers, 11; Sweet Peas, 6; Dahlias, 2; Immortelles, 2; Miscellaneous, 10.

Best display of Potted Plants, by professional gardener, Mrs. J. M. Mackie, Great Barrington,	$5
Best display Cut Flowers, professional, Mrs. J. M. Mackie, Great Barrington.	3
Best display of Potted Plants, non-professional, Mrs. Frank Crippen, Sheffield,	5
2d do., Mrs. E. Kilbourn, Great Barrington,	3

Best display of Cut Flowers, grown by non-professional, Mrs. Emily Clark, Sheffield, $3
2d do., Miss Ellen Pixley, Great Barrington, 2
Best Floral Design, Mrs. E. C. Ticknor, Alford, 3
2d do., Mrs. Horace Z. Cande, Sheffield, 2
Best Collection of Pansies, Mrs. J. M. Mackie, Great Barrington, 2
2d do., Mrs. Ralph Little, Sheffield, 1
Best Collection of Verbenas, Mrs. William I. Walker, Great Barrington, 2
2d do., Mrs. W. W. Norton, Great Barrington, 1
Best Collection of Roses, Miss Jennie Andrews, Sheffield, 2
2d do., Miss Hattie L. Langdon, Great Barrington, 1
Best Collection of Geraniums, Mrs. C. H. Nichols, Richmond, 2
2d do., Mrs. Emily Clark, Sheffield, 1
Best Collection of Foliage Plants, Mrs. J. M. Mackie, Great Barrington, 2
4d do., W. H. Bolton, Alford, 1
Best Collection of Asters, Mrs. O. E. Clark, Sheffield, 2
2d do., Sadie A. Little, Sheffield, 1
Best Collection of Gladiolus, Mrs. E. C. Ticknor, Alford, 2
2d do., Mrs. Ralph Little, Sheffield, 1
Best Collection of Wild Flowers, 131 varieties, Mrs. E. Balch, Sheffield, 2
2d do., Mrs. Flint Smith, Sheffield, 1

DISCRETIONARY.

Potted Plants, by non-professionals, Mrs. Ralph Little, Sheffield, 1
Potted Plants, by non-professionals, Mrs. J. N. Warner, Sheffield, 1
Potted Plants, Mrs. S. H. Haskell, Egremont, 1
Cut Flowers, by non-professionals, Mrs. H. L. Rowe, Egremont, 1
Cut Flowers, by non-professionals, Mrs. Henry Dresser, Great Barrington, 1
Floral Designs, Mrs. J. M. Mackie, Great Barrington, 1
Floral Designs, Mrs. C. H. Nichols, Richmond, 1
Wild Flowers, Mrs. Mary Huggins, Sheffield, 1
Wild Flowers, Mrs. Frank Crippen, Sheffield, 1
Wild Flowers, Sadie A. Little, Sheffield, 1
Wild Flowers, Mrs. L. H. Boardman, Sheffield, 1
Phlox, Libbie Boardman, Sheffield, 1
Night Blooming Cereus, Mary E. Kellogg, Sheffield, 1
Black Hollyhock, Mrs. C. M. Smith, Pittsfield, 1
Sweet Peas, A. R. Turner, Great Barrington, 1
Dahlias, Mrs. C. C. Beecher, Great Barrington, 1
Coxcomb, Fred Dellert, Great Barrington, 1

COMMITTEE.—W. W. Rice, Mrs. Dwight Andrews.

FRUITS.

FIRST DIVISION.

Whole number of entries, 17. Fall Apples, 15; Best variety of all kinds of Fruit, 2.

Italy may boast of its oranges; Spain of its olives; Belgium of its prunes and France of its grapes; but none of these favored lands can present such a fruitage as welcomed your Committee on Fall Apples at our late fair. Despite the failure in portions of our county from local causes, a stranger from the old world might have inferred from the display then and there, that *all* our trees were fruit-bearers and that of a very choice description. Our people have become so accustomed to these exhibits, that we suspect they appreciate the blessing of such abundance as little as we do the fresh air and pure water of our Berkshire hills.

Although, according to Downing, our county is somewhat outside the real "Apple Belt" of our continent, it can show specimens

of excellence quite as perfect as any growing within it, restricted only in kinds dependent for perfection on more favorable thermal influences than pertain to our latitude.

If, as supposed, the sour puckery *Crab* be the progenitor of all our toothsome varieties of the apple, surely we may congratulate ourselves that our natural aids of soil and climate, combined with care and skill in cultivation, have given us the valuable treasures that present themselves so abundantly in our towns and orchards. And these native treats are of more lasting value than the imported exotics. We greet the orange and the banana on their periodical coming, but scarcely miss them after their brief sojourn. They are tempting and unimportant luxuries. But what New Englander tires of his Gravenstein, Jersey Black, Maiden's Blush, Russett, Northern Spy or Greening? They are seasonable—almost essential—contributors to the health and comfort of himself and family for eight or nine months of the twelve.

In the canvass of their department your Committee met a few newcomers, strange to some of us, at least, under the names attached to them—one of these, a large, late fall apple—had puzzled even the exhibitor, who had labled it "Name unknown." The "Hyslop" was another clever stranger unbooked by either Cole or Downing. Still another specimen called the "Clyde Beauty," none of us recollected to have met before on the shelves, but its qualities, both external and internal, recommended it tofavorable mention. As neither of the above authors mention this fruit, but the latter *does* describe a specimen called the "Beauty of Kent" with characteristics quite similar to this, we queried whether they were not the same fruit under different cognomens. The "Duchess of Oldenburg" figured favorably among the lately adopted; while several of our old acquaintances, such as the Sops-in-wine, Fall juneating and Fameuse, seemed, by lengthened intimacy with Berkshire soil and air, to have notably improved in size and fairness over their namesakes of years ago. We recognized, for the first time on exhibition here, the Rambo —a popular western favorite, which one of us had last eaten in Virginia forty years ago.

It is well enough for those having abundant room and a fancy in that direction, to multiply varieties of fall and winter apples. But the utility of so doing may be doubted in case of those kinds whose natural habitat is not New England. For instance, we have never seen the Bell Flower here of the size and perfection it attains in Ohio. The Roxbury Russets, brought hither from its home near the sea, doubles and trebles the thickness of its rind and degenerates in size and flavor. Hon. Marshal P. Wilder, the great pomologist, many years since, while on a visit to our county, was captivated by the excellence of our Jersey Black. He procured scions and grafted several trees on his estate at Dorchester, Mass. After his trees had come into bearing, the writer, happening at his home, asked him concerning his Berkshire importation. "O," said he, "it is a dead failure. I have grown the apple, but it is no such fruit, either in size or quality, as I ate in your county. I am convinced," he continued,

"that the sea air so essential to the perfection of our Russet, is poison to your Jersey Black." This is doubtless true in other cases, suggesting that, having so fine a list of excellent, proved varieties, we can well afford to disuse fruitless experimenting for the impossible.

Your Committee found the Pearmain doing duty under another name—probably through mistake. They differed, also, in a few instances from the exhibitors as regards their record of the *times of ripening*, and would have reckoned some specimens offered as *Fall*, rather as *Winter* apples. They would suggest that no fruit be regarded in the former category which has not passed its prime before the 1st to the 15th of December. Some examples on the shelves catalogued as Fall fruit, evidently required time beyond that period for perfection; but differences of seasons and locality—even within a limited range of country—are such as to render the line of demarcation somewhat misty and prompt an excuse for the record which the Committee allowed to the exhibitor.

It was a matter of surprise to some of us that no sample of the Jersey Black, before mentioned, appeared among the claimants to favorable notice. Mr. Wilder regarded it as a superlative fruit, and years ago, it was recommended, at a meeting of the American Pomological Society, as one of the *five* best varieties of Fall apple. The specimens shown at that time were carried from Stockbridge, where it is said to have been introduced by the Indian missionary Sergeant about the year 1735. Perhaps a wider acquaintance therewith might induce the advantageous supplanting by it of some inferior varieties now in vogue.

Most of the exhibitors complied with the regulations as regards *naming and date of ripening*, presenting lists containing these items, and also attached the same to the several specimens. This is as it should be, as it saves valuable time to the Committee and especially to the reporter.

As a whole the exhibition was one of great credit both to the competitors and to Southern Berkshire. We see not why—were proper measures taken to effect it—our county should not rival Orange, Dutchess and Westchester counties in certain fruit markets of New York. Inter-communication by steam has now become so sure and speedy, as to encourage large exportation to the less favored portions of our own country and also abroad.

There were fifteen entries of Fall apples—all fine, several eminently so, and all comprising the regulation number or even more. As between presentors who had—some partially and others fully—complied with the rules, the latter were, of course, given the preference. Only two competitors contended for the premiums on varieties, one entering twelve different varieties of pears; 23 of Fall and Winter apples; 11 of grapes; 6 of plums and 2 of quinces. The other 10 of Fall and 15 of Winter apples: 12 of pears: 5 of grapes and 1 of quince.

After some discussion, but with final unanimity, your Committee awarded as follows:

Best Fall Apples, Ralph Little, Sheffield. $4

VARIETIES.—Sweet Bough, Early Strawberry, Porter, Primate, Duchess of Oldenburg, Twenty Ounce, Fall Pippin, Autumn Russet.

2d do., J. Q. A. Race, Great Barrington, 3

VARIETIES.—St. Lawrence, Sops of Wine, Dyre, or Pomme Royale, Fall Pippin, Fameuse, Porter, Fall Juneating, Maiden Blush.

3d do., Dwight Boardman, Sheffield, 2

VARIETIES.—Porter, Pomme Royale, Star, Twenty Ounce, Fall Pippin, No. 1, or Butter Apple, Orange Sweet, Name Unknown.

4th do., John R. Huggins, Sheffield, 1

VARIETIES.—Fall Pippin, Fall Juneating—(vul,) Jenneting—Fall Orange, Jersey Sweet, Fameuse, Dyre, or Pomme Royale, Clyde Beauty, Sops of Wine.

Best Variety of all kinds of Fruit, Z. Cande, Sheffield, 6

PEARS.—Onondaga, Seckle, Duchess d'Angouleme, Virgalieu, Columbia, Arjou, Stevens' Genessee, Louise Bonne de Jersey, Clarigou, Howell, Bartlett, Flemish Beauty, 12 varieties. FALL AND WINTER APPLES.—Northern Spy, Hurlburt, Hubbardston Nonesuch, Twenty Ounce, Mother, Pomme Royale, Baldwin, Ribston Pippin, Gravenstein, Strawberry, R. I. Greening, Norton's Melon, Vandevera, Blue Parmain, Culvert, Pound Sweet, Spitzenburg, King of Tompkins, Golden Pippin, Hyslop, Seek-no-further, Fall Juneating, English Russet. 23 varieties. PLUMS.—Sweet, Pear Lamson, Lombard, Imperial Gage, Duane's Purple, Hotchkiss. 6 varieties. QUINCES.—Pear, Orange. 2 varieties. GRAPES.—Adirondack, Eumelar. Isabella, Merrimac, Champion. Delaware, Concord, Norther Muscadine, Agawam. 9 varieties.

2d do., E. L. Boardman, Sheffield, 4

FALL APPLES.—Snowy Chimney, Golden Russet, Sops of Wine, Yellow Spice, Hawley. Dutch Mignonne, Holland Pippin, Red Fall, Davis' Sweet, Maiden Blush. 10 varieties. WINTER APPLES.—Northern Spy, Newtown Pippin, Roxbury Russet, Baldwin, R. I. Greening, Nonesuch, Seek-no-further, Tollman Sweet, Tulpehocken, Greening, Spitzenburg, Vandevoer, Belle Fleur, Alexander, Hurlbert. 15 varieties. PEARS.—Urbanest. Sheldon, Duchess, d'Angouleme, Church, Bartlett, Louise Bonne de Jersey, Lawrence, Vicar of Wakefield, Winter Nellis, Foudant d'Automme, Clapp's Favorite, Seckle. 12 varieties. QUINCE.—Orange. GRAPES.—Concord. Diana. Delaware, Clinton, Hartford Prolifics. 5 varieties.

COMMITTEE.—G. W. Parrish, L. H. Boardman, E. W. B. Canning.

SECOND DIVISION.

Whole number of entries, 20.

Best Winter Apples, Charles L. Rote, Great Barrington, $5
2d do., Ralph Little, Sheffield, 4
3d do., G. H. Kirby, Sheffield, 3
4th do., Esther Clark, Sheffield (withheld), 2
5th do., Hopkins T. Cande, Sheffield, 1

COMMITTEE.—Albert LeRoy, George H. Warner, Amos Smith.

THIRD DIVISION.

Whole number of entries, 52. Peaches, 0; Pears, 7; Single variety of Pears, 16; Plums, 14; Single Variety of Plums, 0; Quinces, 11; Cranberries, 4.

Best Specimen Pears, R. F. Little, Sheffield, $4
2d do., Charles Spur, Sheffield, 3
3d do., Horace Z. Cande, Sheffield, 2
4th do., George H. Warner, Stockbridge, 1
Best Single Specimen Pears, Luke Shead, Great Barrington, 3
2d do., R. Little, Sheffield, 2
3d do., Benjamin Johnson, Sheffield, 1
Best Specimen Plums, Jarius N. Warner, Sheffield, 3
2d do., George H. Warner, Stockbridge, 2
Best Single Variety Plums, Ella Gardner, Egremont, 2
2d do., James Gardner, Egremont, 1
Best Specimen Quinces, Eli Martin, Great Barrington, 3
2d do., Frederick Wilcox, Sheffield, 2
3d do., R. H. Race, Egremont, 1
Best Specimen Cranberries, Eddie B. Cross, Sheffield, 1
Specimen Winter Cranberries, Elvira Lindsey, Sheffield, 1
Red Raspberries, Mrs. R. H. Race, Egremont, 1
Blackberries, Harvey Roys, Sheffield, 1
Cranberries, Eddie C. Cross, Sheffield, 1

COMMITTEE.—S. P. Lincoln, Phineas Pettis.

FOURTH DIVISION.

Whole number of entries, 10. Grapes raised in open air, 8; Grapes raised under glass, 2.

Best Specimen of Grapes raised in open air, Charles Spur, Sheffield,	$4
2d do., Mrs. Orrin Curtis, Sheffield,	3
3d do., George F. Bartholomew, Sheffield,	2
4th do., B. F. Phillips, Sheffield,	1
Best Specimen of Grapes raised under glass, Mrs. John H. Coffing, Great Barrington,	4
2d do., H. Garfield, Lee,	3

COMMITTEE.—James Bullard, Levi Boardman, Charles F. Phelps.

FIFTH DIVISION.

Whole number of entries, 17. Dried Fruit, 5; Canned Fruit, 5; Pickles, 4; Jellies, 3.

Best Specimen Dried Fruit, Mrs. Harvey Roys, Sheffield,	$3
2d do., Mary E. Kellogg, Sheffield,	2
3d do., J. D. Stanton, Sheffield,	1
Best Specimen Canned Fruit, Mrs. C. F. Holmes, Great Barrington,	3
2d do., Mary E. Kellogg, Sheffield,	2
3d do., Mrs. E. D. Shears, Sheffield,	1
Best Specimens Pickles, Grace E. Cande, Sheffield,	3
2d do., Mrs. E. D. Shears, Sheffield,	2
3d do., Mrs. W. I. Walker, Great Barrington,	1

DISCRETIONARY.

Saratoga Potatoes, Mrs. W. B. Barrows, Pittsfield,	1
Jellies, Mrs. C. H. Nichols, Richmond,	1

COMMITTEE.—Mrs. Henry L. Rowe, Miss Julia Day, Mrs. Oscar M. Hall.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

It is an admitted fact that the agricultural implements used by a community are a reliable index of their intelligence and prosperity. The old habit of sneering at "book farmers" and their scientific methods is passing away, and all progressive "tillers of the soil" are alive to the fact that in this progressive age of steam, electricity and of close competition, they alone succeed who use labor saving farming tools and machinery in all the branches of this diversified industry. At no time within the memory of your Committee has there been so interesting and instructive a display of machinery and implements, now in practical use, as has been shown this season.

The new feature of showing the several machines in *actual operation*, either by steam or horse power brought about this result.

This society and this community are indebted to E. D. Brainard, Esq., of the Wheeler & Melick Co., of Albany, N. Y., whose money and energy made such a display possible.

The most attractive machine was the Straw Preserving Grain Thresher and Cleaner with Automatic Binder attachment, which worked admirably, rapidly delivering the grain well threshed and cleaned and straw strongly bound in uniform bundles ready for shipment. This machine was run by a new portable engine, built by the same company, which of itself is worthy of special mention, being a model of simplicity, economy and durability. They also showed

Wheeler's Patent Double Grand Horse Power, mounted, ready to substitute for an engine if desired. Also Wheeler's Patent Vibratory Thresher and Cleaner, which is also a model of its kind. Also Melick's Champion Thresher without the Binding attachment. The Eureka Spring Tooth Sulky Harrow, with grain sowing attachment, and the Eagle Horse Rake were also shown by them, the latter in operation. These machines are also well and favorably known in this region. A well made Dog Power on the endless chain principle was also shown. A very useful machine for large farms, suitable for running churns, grind stones and any light machines. They also showed Tolley's patent and Eureka Cultivator, both excellent tools. Last but not least of this firm's exhibit was the Robinson Hay Press, also in operation. This is a new invention based on a new principle, worked with one horse, easily operated and well adapted for a community of small farmers, especially in our hill towns remote from railroads, where bulky transportation is difficult and wasteful, especially during the winter and spring months, when hay and straw find a market.

A. W. Gray & Sons of Middletown Springs, Vt., showed their well known double and single Horse Powers and Threshers, not in operation however.

A variety of Plows, Harrows and Mowing Machines were on exhibition, the excellent qualities of which were duly proclaimed by the persons having them in charge. As "seeing is believing," your Committee were more interested in the trials given the Sulky Plows than would have been the case had they not been in operation. Thanks are due to H. P. Lucas, Esq., of Pittsfield, who showed the National Reversible Sulky Plow, made at Chicopee Falls, also the Syracuse Sulky Plow, both of which did good work, and are well adapted to large farms. Also the Daniels Plow Sulky Co., of Albany, N. Y., whose agent showed a Plow Sulky to which any plow can be easily attached. This invention will be of great benefit to New England farmers, who do not cultivate large areas and whose land requires a variety of plows which they may already possess. This sulky can be successfully attached, is of light draft and does effective work as was shown by the trial we witnessed.

Although not strictly an Agricultural Implement, a good Road Machine, is a great blessing to every rural community, and we were pleased to notice the New Model Champion Road Machine, made by G. W. Taft, Esq., of Abington, Ct. This appears to us to have more good points than any machine of its kind we have seen and we hope it will come into general use in this region. The American and Wonderful Churns, Cooley & Reid Creamerys, Butter Workers and other Dairy Implements were on exhibition, all of which are now too well known and appreciated to require special mention. We also noticed Bliss & Kopp's Patent door Fastening for swing doors, which is an admirable substitute for the cumbrous standard. J. K. Hadsell of Monterey showed a Patent Evaporator, well suited for the maple sugar orchards of Eastern Berkshire. Two Flails, seven Axe

Helves and one old style Ox Yoke all hand made, of excellent material and workmanship reminded us of a past age and generation.

This closes the list of what we consider a very interesting display of useful machinery and implements.

COMMITTEE.—W. C. Dalzell, Robert Higgins, R. L. Taft.

DOMESTIC ANIMALS.

FIRST DIVISION.

Whole number of entries, 14, (28 head). Fat Oxen, 2: Working Oxen, 8; Draft Oxen, 4.

Best Yoke Fat Oxen, Hiram Comstock, Great Barrington,	$7
2d do., P. M. Shaylor, Lee,	5
Best Yoke Working Oxen, Jared Lewis, Great Barrington,	8
2d do., Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington,	6
3d do., J. H. Van Deusen, Great Barrington,	5
4th do., S. Newell, Great Barrington,	4
5th do., C. S. Platt, West Stockbridge,	2
Best Yoke Draft Oxen, William H. Hawley, Dalton,	7
2d do., Henry A. Carpenter, Stockbridge,	5
3d do., Edwin Boardman, Sheffield,	3

COMMITTEE.—George O. Peck, Carlton Curtis, William S. Willcox.

SECOND DIVISION.

Whole number of entries, 16. Four-year-old Oxen, 7; Best three year-old Steers, 6; Best display of Native or Grade Neat Stock, 2.

Best Yoke of four-year-old Oxen, J. B. Walker, New Marlboro,	$7
2d do., J. W. Thompson, Lenox,	6
3d do., F. K. Hinckley, Lee,	5
4th do., Nathan Cannon, Tyringham,	4
Best Yoke of three-year-old Steers, George E. Hale, Tyringham,	6
2d do., W. H. Miner, Monterey,	5
3d do., Z. Candee, Sheffield,	4
4th do., John Cannon, Tyringham,	3
Best display of Native or Grade Neat Stock, Jared Lewis, Great Barrington,	6
2d do., M. I Wheeler, Great Barrington,	4

COMMITTEE.—J. H. Rowley, Henry L. Smith, George H. Kirby.

THIRD DIVISION.

Whole number of entries, 39, (50 head). Two-year-old Steers, 3; Pair Yearling Steers, 7; Steers (by boys) 1; Grade Yearling, 28.

Best pair Two-year-old Steers, F. Abbey, Great Barrington,	$4
2d do., C. H. Shaylor, Lee,	3
3d do., William H. Hawley, Dalton,	2
Best pair Yearling Steers, William H. Hawley, Dalton,	4
2d do., Jared Lewis, Great Barrington,	3
3d do., L. B. Hall, Monterey,	2
Best Steers, (by boys) Walter S. Cande, Sheffield,	4
Best Grade Yearling Heifer, F. Abbey, Great Barrington,	4
2d do., Mrs. J. H. Coffing, Great Barrington,	3
3d do., Jared Lewis, Great Barrington,	2
4th do., C. E. Brace,	1

COMMITTEE.—H. C. Rowley, E. M. Landon, C. H. Steadman.

FOURTH DIVISION.

Whole number of entries, 60, (112 head). Milch Cows, 28; Fat Cows, 6; Grade or Native Butter Cows, 13; Best Five Dairy Cows, 13.

Best Milch Cow, Lester T. Osborne, Alford,	$8
2d do., Leonard Post, Alford,	7

3d do., P. M. Shaylor, Lee,	$6
4th do., J. W. Ford, Stockbridge,	5
5th do., Warren Crissey, Great Barrington,	5
6th do., J. A. Kline, Egremont,	4
7th do., Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington,	4
8th do., T. S. Baldwin, Egremont,	3
9th do., M. I. Wheeler, Great Barrington,	2
10th do., W. H. Dresser, Sheffield,	1
Best Fat Cow, Jared Lewis, Great Barrington,	4
2d do., Henry Dresser, Great Barrington,	2
Best Grade Butter Cow. F. Hoffmann, Stockbridge,	5
2d do., F. A. Palmer, Stockbridge,	4
3d do., H. C. Byington, Stockbridge,	3
4th do., Charles Goodrich, Stockbridge,	2
Best Five Dairy Cows, J. A. Kline, Egremont,	8
2d do., Warren Crissey, Great Barrington,	7
3d do., Jared Lewis, Great Barrington,	6
4th do., William H. Day, Great Barrington,	5
5th do., Lester T. Osborne, Alford,	4

COMMITTEE.—John B. Walker, George W. Ford, William M. Chapin.

FIFTH DIVISION.—STOCK COWS.

Whole number of entries, 35, (43 head). Two-year-old Heifers, 15; Two-year-old Heifers, not had a calf 5; Heifer Calf, 13; Matched Calves, 5 pair or 10 head.

Best two-year-old Heifer, Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington,	5
2d do., J. A. Kline, Egremont,	4
3d do., Mrs. T. Bartholomew, Sheffield,	3
4th do., H. Z. Cande, Sheffield,	2
5th do., D. C. Millard, Egremont,	1
Best two-year-old Heifer, Jared Lewis, Great Barrington,	4
2d do., D. C. Millard, Egremont,	3
3d do., P. M. Shaylor, Lee,	2
4th do., F. A. Palmer, Stockbridge,	1
Best Heifer Calf, John B. Chadwick, Great Barrington,	3
2d do., Henry B. Cross, Sheffield,	2
3d do., John Wagner, New Marlboro,	1
Best pair Matched Calves, Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington,	4
2d do., Fred Turner, Great Barrington,	3
3d do., Z. Cande, Sheffield,	2

COMMITTEE.—Lester T. Osborne, Robert B. Potts, Dwight Boardman.

SIXTH DIVISION.

Whole number of entries, 13, (26 head). Grade or Native Stock Cows, 13.

Best Grade or Native Stock Cow, John B. Chadwick, Great Barrington,	$6
2d do., Z. Cande, Sheffield,	5
3d do., William H. Day, Great Barrington,	4
4th do., Frederick Abbey, Great Barrington,	3
5th do., J. M. Cooper, Stockbridge,	2

COMMITTEE.—Jerome Curtis, George Blodgett, William I. Walker.

SEVENTH DIVISION.—SHORT HORN CATTLE.

Whole number of entries, 33. (51 head). Bulls, two years or more, 4; Bull under two years, 2; Cow, 7; Two-year-old Heifer, 4; Yearling Heifer, 4; Bull Calf, 2; Heifer Calf, 7; Specimen of Stock, 3.

Best Two-year-old Bull, Jacob H. Van Deusen, Great Barrington,	$8
2d do., W. S. Willcox, Sheffield,	6
3d do., H. H. Purdy, Monterey,	4
Best Bull, under two years, W. H. Hubbard, Great Barrington,	6
2d do., F. K. Hinckley, Lee,	4

Best Cow, F. Abbey, Great Barrington, $6
2d do., J. A. Kline, Egremont, 5
3d do., S. Newell, Great Barrington, 4
Best Two-year old Heifer, S. Newell, Great Barrington, 5
2d do., J. A. Kline, Egremont, 4
Best Yearling Heifer, J. A. Kline, Egremont, 4
2d do., F. K. Hinckley, Lee, 3
Best Bull Calf, H. H. Purdy, Monterey, 3
2d do., F. K. Hinckley, Lee, 2
Best Heifer Calf, J. A. Kline, Egremont, 3
2d do., H. H. Purdy, Monterey, 2
Best Specimen of Stock, H. H. Purdy, Monterey, 8
2d do., J. A. Kline, Egremont, 6

COMMITTEE.—R. E. Coffin, John E. Merrill, H. A. Tobey.

EIGHTH DIVISION.—JERSEY CATTLE.

Whole number of entries, 41, (56 head). Bull, (two years or more) 2; Bull, under two years, 3; Cows, 10; Two-year-old Heifers, 5; Yearling Heifers, 6; Bull Calf, 3; Heifer Calf, 6; Specimen of Stock, 2, (11 head).

Best Bull, two years or more, Wellington Clapp, Great Barrington, "Squanto," $8
2d do., Mrs. Harry Y. Leavitt, Great Barrington, "Glory of Brightside," 6
Best Bull, under two years, Mark Humphrey, Great Barrington, "Pride of Berkshire," 5
2d do., E. M. Teal, Stockbridge, "Prince Victor Pogis," 4
Best Cow, F. Hoffman, Stockbridge, 6
2d do., P. A. Russell, Great Barrington, 5
3d do., J. M. Mackie, Great Barrington, 4
Best Two year-old Heifer, W. Clapp, Great Barrington, 4
2d do., F. Hoffmann, Stockbridge, 3
Best Yearling Heifer, W. Clapp, Great Barrington, 5
2d do., J. M. Mackie, Great Barrington, 4
Best Bull Calf, W. Clapp, Great Barrington, 3
2d do., P. A. Russell, Great Barrington, 2
Best Heifer Calf, F. Hoffman, Stockbridge, 3
2d do., S. Newell, Great Barrington, 2
Best specimen of Stock, P. A. Russell, Great Barrington, 8
2d do., J. M. Mackie, Great Barrington, 6

Your Committee desire to call especial attention to a superior two-year-old bull "Atricia's Duke," ——, owned by Mr. Whitbeck of Copake, N.Y., a son of "Rachel's Duke and Atricia, 2d." He is certainly one of the most excellent animals it has ever been our pleasure to examine. We marked him by the scale of points 67 out of a possible 74.

COMMITTEE.—Mason C. Weld, John F. Pomeroy, E. L. Heath.

NINTH DIVISION.—AYRSHIRE STOCK.

Whole number of entries, 16, (26 head). Bulls, two or more years, 2; Bulls, less than two years old, 1; Cows, 3; two-year-old Heifers, 2; Yearling Heifers, 2; Bull Calf, 1; Heifer Calf, 3; Specimen of Stock, 2.

Best Bull, two years, or older, T. L. Foote, Lee, "Jerry Clifford," $8
2d do., William I. Walker, Great Barrington "Tom," 6
Best Cow, F. W. Heath, Stockbridge, "Beatrice," 6
2d do., William I. Walker, Great Barrington, "Pansy Filbert," 5
3d do., T. L. Foote, Lee, "Little May," 4
Best two-year-old Heifer, T. L. Foote, Lee, "Bessie Lee," 5
2d do., William I. Walker, Great Barrington, "Dot," 4
Best Yearling Heifer, T. L. Foote, Lee, "Maud Anna," 4
2d do., W. I. Walker, Great Barrington, "Pansy Filbert," 3
Best Bull Calf, T. L. Foote, Lee, "Sir Guy," 3

Best Heifer Calf, F. W. Heath, Stockbridge, $3
2d do., T. L. Foote, Lee 2
Best specimen of Stock, T. L. Foote, Lee, 8
2d do., W. I. Walker, Great Barrington, 6
COMMITTEE.—J. D. W. French, T. S. Baldwin, A. J. Spurr.

TENTH DIVISION.—HOLSTEIN STOCK.

Whole number of entries, 28, (35 head). Bulls, two-year-old or over, 4; Bulls, under two years, 5; Cows, 3; two-year-old Heifers, 3; Yearling Heifers, 3; Bull Calves, 4; Heifer Calves, 5; Herds, 1.

Best Bull two-year-old or over, Warren Crissey, Great Barrington, $8
2d do., T. S. Baldwin, Egremont, 6
3d do., George W. Ford, Stockbridge, 4
Best Bull under two years, P. M. Shaylor, Lee, 6
2d do., J. Fred Benedict, 4
Best Cow, W. M. Chapin, Sheffield, 6
2d do., N. B. Curtiss, Stockbridge, 5
3d do., P. M. Shaylor, Lee, 4
Best two-year-old Heifer, Flint E. Smith, Sheffield, 5
2d do., P. M. Shaylor, Lee, 4
Best Yearling Heifer, W. M. Chapin, Sheffield, 4
2d do., M. B. Curtiss, Stockbridge, 3
Best Bull Calf, W. M. Chapin, Sheffield, 3
2d do., N. B. Curtiss, Stockbridge, 2
Best Heifer Calf, W. M. Chapin, Sheffield, 3
2d do., W. M. Chapin, Sheffield, 2
Best specimen Stock, W. M. Chapin, Sheffield, 8
COMMITTEE.—H. O. Warner, Warren Walker, Frederick Abbey.

ELEVENTH DIVISION.—GUERNSEY CATTLE.

Whole number of entries, 22, (32 head). Bulls, 2; Bulls, less than two years, 4; Cows, 4; Two-year-old Heifers, 1; Yearling Heifers, 3; Bull Calves, 3; Heifer Calves, 3; Herds, 4.

Best Bull, two years or more, Jerry Clark, Lee, $8
2d do., Sidney Washburn, Lenox, 6
Best Bull, less than two-years-old, L. V. N. Blakeman, Egremont, 6
2d do., M. I. Wheeler, Great Barrington, 4
Best Cow, M. I. Wheeler, Great Barrington, 6
2d do., L. V. N. Blakeman, Egremont, 5
3d do., J. H. Rowley, Egremont, 4
Best Yearling Heifer, M. I. Wheeler, Great Barrington, 4
2d do., L. V. N. Blakeman, Egremont, 2
Best Bull Calf, J. H. Rowley, Egremont, 3
2d do., L. V. N. Blakeman, Egremont, 2
Best Heifer Calf, L. V. N. Blakeman, Egremont, 3
2d do., M. I. Wheeler, Great Barrington, 2
Best specimen of Stock, L. V. N. Blakeman, Egremont, 8
COMMITTEE.—Mason C. Weld, Henry W. Sheldon, Parley A. Russell.

TWELFTH DIVISION.—BLACK POLLED ANGUS CATTLE.

Whole number of entries, 4, (5 head). Bull, 1; Bull, under two years, 1; Cow, 1; two-year-old Heifer, 0; Yearling Heifer, 0; Bull Calf, 1; Heifer Calf, 1.

Best Bull under two years, H. A. Tobey, Great Barrington, $6
Best Cow, H. A. Tobey, Great Barrington, 6
Best Heifer Calf, H. A. Tobey, Great Barrington, 3
COMMITTEE.—R. G. Coffin, John E. Merrill.

THIRTEENTH DIVISION.—RED POLLED NORFOLK CATTLE.

Entries, none.

FOURTEENTH DIVISION.—BOARS.

Whole number of entries, 15, (15 head). Berkshire Boar, 2; Chester Boar, 3; Cheshire Boar, 3; Essex Boar, 2; Poland China Boar, 1; Suffolk Boar, 0; Yorkshire Boar, 1; Grade Boar, 3.

Best Berkshire Boar, W. H. Gibbons, Great Barrington, $5
2d do., R. F. Little, Sheffield, 3
Best Chester Boar, Elijah N. Hubbard, Great Barrington, 5
2d do., T. S. Baldwin, Egremont, 3
Best Cheshire Boar, E. M. Langdon & Son, Lee, 5
2d do., M. V. Thompson, Monterey, 3
Best Essex Boar, David A. Mercer, 5
2d do., M. I. Wheeler, Great Barrington, 3
Best Yorkshire Boar, R. F. Little, Sheffield, 5
Best Grade Boar, Gilfred Smith, Great Barrington, 5
2d do., Dwight Boardman, Sheffield, 3

COMMITTEE.—F. O. Andrus, Hiram Dings, E. H. Husted.

FIFTEENTH DIVISION.—SOWS AND PIGS.

Whole number of entries, 13, (96 head). Berkshire Sow and Pigs, 1; Chester Sow and Pigs, 1; Cheshire Sow and Pigs, 0; Essex Sow and Pigs 2; Suffolk Sow and Pigs, 0; Yorkshire Sow and Pigs, 1; Grade Sow and Pigs, 8.

Best Berkshire Sow and Pigs, J. C. Taylor, Great Barrington,, $5
Best Chester Sow and Pigs, T. S. Baldwin, Egremont. 5
Best Essex Sow and Pigs, M. I. Wheeler, Great Barrington, 3
Best Yorkshire Sow and Pigs, R. F. Little, Sheffield, 5
Best Grade Sow and Pigs, David Haley, Great Barrington, 5
2d do., Benjamin Powell, Great Barrington, 3

The Committee would also recommend a premium of five dollars to F. A. Palmer, Stockbridge, whose sow died in consequence of the heat, but left a remarkably fine litter of eleven pigs, the sow died before the Committee had examined them.

COMMITTEE.—M. V. Tomson, J. W. Candee, John S. Wolfe.

SIXTEENTH DIVISION.—LONG WOOL SHEEP.

Whole number of entries, 16. Whole number of head, 49. Bucks, 4; three Ewes, 3; three Yearling Ewes, 4; three Lambs, 4; Flock of ten sheep, 1.

Best Buck, DeWitt M. Munson, Monterey, $4
2d do., James Murray, New Marlboro, 3
3d do., A. Shears, Sheffield, 2
Best three Ewes, DeWitt M. Munson, Montery, 5
Best three yearling Ewes, DeWitt M. Munson, Monterey, 3
2d do., W. I. Walker, Great Barrington, 2
Best three Lambs, DeWitt M. Munson, Monterey, 3
2d do., A. Shears, Sheffield, 2
Best flock of ten Sheep, O. Munson, Monterey, 4

COMMITTEE.—Grove Gaylord, George S. Day, Edwin R. Baldwin.

SEVENTEENTH DIVISION.—SOUTH-DOWN SHEEP.

Whole number of entries, 26, (73 head). Bucks, 6; three Ewes, 7; three Yearling Ewes, 5; three Lambs, 7; Flock of ten Sheep, 1.

Best Buck, Hiram Dings, Alford, $5
2d do., W. S. Willcox, Sheffield, 4
3d do., Martin Brown, Egremont, 3
Best three Ewes, L. V. N. Blakeman, Egremont, 5
2d do., W. I. Walker, Great Barrington, 4
3d do., S. Newell, Great Barrington, 3
Best three yearling Ewes, W. S. Willcox, Sheffield, 3
2d do., S. Newell, Great Barrington, 2
3d do., W. H. Palmer, Stockbridge, 1
Best three Lambs, G. W. Stickles, Alford, 3
2d do., W. H. Palmer, Stockbridge, 2
3d do., W. I. Walker, Great Barrington, 1
Best Flock of ten Sheep, S. Newell, Great Barrington, 4

COMMITTEE.—S. K. Williams, F. M. Olmsted, Franklin Barnes.

EIGHTEENTH DIVISION.—HAMPSHIRE DOWN SHEEP.

Whole number of entries, 26, (57 head). Bucks, 14; three Ewes, 3; three Yearling Ewes, 4; three Lambs, 4; Flock of ten sheep, 1.

Best Buck, Pratt Tobey, Great Barrington,	$5
2d do., E. H. Husted, Egremont,	4
3d do., L. K. Kline, Egremont,	3
Best three Ewes, Pratt Tobey, Great Barrington,	5
2d do., L. K. Kline, Egremont,	4
3d do., Gilfred Smith, Great Barrington,	3
Best three Yearling Ewes, Pratt Tobey, Great Barrington,	3
2d do., L. K. Kline, Egremont,	2
Best three Lambs, L. K. Kline, Egremont,	3
2d do., Gilfred Smith, Great Barrington,	2
3d do., Pratt Tobey, Great Barrington,	1
Best Flock of ten Sheep, L. K. Kline, Egremont,	4

COMMITTEE.—F. B. Wilcox, W. H. Burgett, George Stevens.

NINETEENTH DIVISION.—GRADE AND FAT SHEEP.

Whole number of entries, 34, (123 head). Three Grade Wool Ewes, 7; three Grade Yearling Ewes, 5; three Grade Lambs, 10; three Fat Sheep, 9; Flock of ten Sheep, 3.

Best three Grade Wool Ewes, George W. Stickles, Alford,	$5
2d do., I. N. Benedict, New Marlboro,	4
3d do., W. I. Walker, Great Barrington,	3
Best three Grade Yearling Ewes, P. M. Shaylor, Lee,	3
2d do., W. I. Walker, Great Barrington,	2
3d do., N. B. Turner, Great Barrington,	1
Best three Grade Lambs, E. H. Husted, Egremont,	3
2d do., J. E. Turner, Great Barrington,	2
3d do., Eddie Boardman, Sheffield,	1
Best three Fat Sheep, J. C. Calkins, Alford,	4
2d do., W. S. Willcox, Sheffield,	3
3d do., J. E. Turner, Great Barrington,	2
Best Flock of ten Grade Sheep, J. E. Turner, Great Barrington,	4
2d do., Martin Brown, Egremont,	3

COMMITTEE.—E. D. Andrus, E. J. Tobey, William H. Day.

TWENTIETH DIVISION.—MERINOS AND FLOCKS OF SHEEP.

Whole number of entries, 17, (65 head). Merino Buck, 5; three Merino Ewes, 4; three Yearling Ewes, 1; three Lambs, 5; Flock of ten Merino Sheep, 1; Flock of Sheep not less than twenty in number, 1.

Best Merino Buck, W. I. Walker, Great Barrington,	$5
2d do., G. S. Day, Great Barrington,	4
3d do., W. H. Day, Great Barrington,	3
Best three Merino Ewes, E. S. Day, Great Barrington,	5
2d do., W. I. Walker, Great Barrington,	4
3d do., Martin Brown, Egremont,	3
Best three Yearling Ewes, W. I. Walker, Great Barrington,	3
Best three Merino Lambs, G. S. Day, Great Barrington,	3
2d do., J. H. Rowley, Egremont,	2
3d do., W. I. Walker, Great Barrington,	1
Best Flock of ten Merino Sheep, William H. Day, Great Barrington,	4
Best Flock of Sheep, not less than twenty, N. B. Turner, Great Barrington,	6

COMMITTEE.—Levi K. Kline, W. H. Palmer, Walter Crine.

TWENTY-FIRST DIVISION.—FARM, TEAM, CARRIAGE HORSES, AND BOYS' TRAINED COLTS.

Whole number of entries, 28, (54 head). Pair Farm Horses, 9; Pair Team Horses, 5; Pair Carriage Horses, 15¾ hands or over, 9; Pair Carriage Horses under 15¾ hands, 3; three-year-old Colts, trained by boy not over 16 years, 2.

Best Pair Farm Horses, W. R. Allen, Pittsfield, $8
2d do., B. W. Crissey, Great Barrington, 7
3d do., Edgar S. Merrill, Lee, 6
4th do., William H. Hubbard, Great Barrington, 5
5th do., A. G. Sweet, Tyringham, 4
6th do., Miles F. Whitney, Otis, 3
Best Pair Team Horses, John G. Cropper, Great Barrington, 7
2d do., W. E. Brewer, Stockbridge, 6
3d do., George E. Hale, Tyringham, 5
Best Pair Carriage Horses, 15¾ hands or over, Wellington Smith, Lee, 8
2d do., W. R. Allen, Pittsfield, 5
Best Pair Carriage Horses, under 15¾ hands, Lyman Brusie, Egremont, 8
2d do., Pratt Tobey, Great Barrington, 5
Special premium, W. R. Allen, Pittsfield, 7

COMMITTEE.—Charles E. Slater, F. W. Heath, H. T. Potts.

TWENTY-SECOND-DIVISION.—BREEDING MARES AND SUCKING COLTS.

Whole number of entries, 19. Whole number head, 38; Sucking Colt from blooded sire and dam, 4; Breeding Mare and Sucking Colt by her side, not blooded stock, 15.

Best sucking Colt from blooded sire and dam, Michael Hayes, New Marlboro, $7
2d do., L. B. Brusie, Great Barrington, 6
3d do., A. L. Phillips, 5
4th do., S. Burnes, 4
Best Breeding Mare and Sucking Colt by her side, not blooded stock, F. Spur, Sheffield, (protested, not a member), 7
2d do., F. W. Keyes, New Marlboro, 6
3d do., H. P. Fargo, Monterey, 5
4th do., F. Brochu, Monterey, 4

COMMITTEE.—E. M. Langdon, William S. Ferris, W. H. Minor.

TWENTY-THIRD DIVISION.—STALLIONS, YEARLINGS AND STUD COLTS.

Whole number of Entries, 19, (19 head). Stallions, 4; Stud Colts, 3; Yearling Colts, 12.

Best Stallion, W. H. Palmer, Alford, $15
2d do., E. W. Bartholomew, Sheffield, withheld, 10
Best Stud Colt, not over three years's old, W. S. Bidwell, Monterey, 5
2d do., Warren Crissey, Great Barrington, 4
3d do., George H. Cobb, West Stockbridge, 3
Best Yearling Colt, H. C. Phelps, Lee, 5
2d do., J. A. Kline, Egremont, 4
3d do., Lester T. Osborne, Alford, 3
4th do., E. M. Langdon & Son, Lee, 2
5th do., Franklin Merrill, Lee, 1

COMMITTEE.—H. C. Phelps, I. N. Tuttle, O. C. Twining.

TWENTY-FOURTH DIVISION.—TWO-YEAR-OLD AND THREE-YEAR-OLD COLTS.

Whole number of entries, 17, (17 head). Two-years-old Colts, 10; Three-years-old Colts, 7.

Best Two-years-old Colt, Mare or Gelding, Michael Vasey, New Marlboro, $5
2d do., Dwight Roardman, Sheffield, 4
3d do., William Mullen, Sheffield, 3
4th do., E. M. Langdon & Son, Lee, 2
5th do., Dwight Andrews, Sheffield, 1
Best Three-year-old Colt, Mare or Gelding, L. B. Brusie, Great Barrington, 5
2d do., A. M. Hewins, Sheffield, 4
3d do., Arthur L. Phillips, 3
4th do., Harrison Calkins, Alford, 2
5th do., Stephen Baldwin, Egremont, 1

COMMITTEE.—John M. Hatch, D. M. Garfield, F. G. Heath.

TWENTIETH-FIFTH DIVISION.—FOUR-YEAR-OLD HORSES.

Whole number of entries, 6. Whole number head, 6. Four-year-old horses and under, speed as well as other qualities to be considered.

Best four-year-old Horse, Thomas Moat, Lee,	$7
2d do., A. B. Derrick, Egremont,	5
3d do., E. C. Fielding, Tyringham,	3

COMMITTEE.—M. S. Bidwell, E. A. Kilbourn, L. Lockwood.

TWENTY-SIXTH DIVISION.—SINGLE HORSES.

Whole number of entries, 18.

Best Single Horse, Thomas Moat, Lee,	$7
2d do., Parley A. Russell, Great Barrington,	6
3d do., John Verran, Lee,	5
4th do., H. Williams, Lee,	3
5th do., William H. Day, Great Barrington,	2

COMMITTEE.—J. A. Tanner, H. H. Purdy, William A. Forbes,

TWENTY-SEVENTH DIVISION.—TROTTING HORSES.

Whole number of entries, 37. Three Minute Class, 6; 2:50 Class, 7; 2:38 Class, 10; 2:33 Class, 8; Free to All Class, 6.

2:33 CLASS.

John Stallman, Lee, b. g., "H. H. Brown,"	$100
F. S. Gross, Lee, b. g., "Volunteer Wilkes,"	50
E. Hurlburt, Great Barrington, blk. g., "Preston Wilkes,	25
Eddie Dodge, Pittsfield, b. g., "Dexter H,"	15

SUMMARY.

John Stallman, Lee, "H. H. Brown,"	1	1	2	4	1
F. S. Gross, Lee, "Volunteer Wilkes,"	3	4	1	1	4
E. Hurlburt, Great Barrington, "Preston Wilkes,"	4	2	3	2	2
Eddie Dodge, Pittsfield, "Dexter H.,"	2	3	4	3	3
"Anson,"	drawn				
"Montgomery Boy."	drawn				
"Billy Boy."	drawn				
"Major."	drawn				

Time, 2:32½, 2:32¼, 2:30¾, 2:35, 2:37.

2:50 CLASS.

Edwin Hurlburt, Great Barrington, ch. g., "T. G.,"	$20
I. W. Smith, Otis, b. g., "Fred,"	15
D. B. McAuliffe, Great Barrington, bk. g., "Little George,"	10
L. B. Brusie, Great Barrington, s. g., "Gold Coin,"	5

SUMMARY.

Edwin Hurlburt, Great Barrington, "T. G."	1	4	3	1	1
I. W. Smith, Otis, "Fred,"	2	1	1	2	2
D. B. McAuliffe, Great Barrington, "Little George,"	4	2	2	3	3
L. B. Brusie, Great Barrington, "Gold Coin,"	3	3	4	4	4
"Doctor,"	5	5	drawn		
"Ethan,"	drawn				
"Lucy,"	drawn				

Time, 2:43, 2:45, 2:47¾, 2:40½, 2:44.

"FREE TO ALL" CLASS.

F. M. Dodge, Pittsfield, b. g., "W. K."	$150
F. S. Gross, Lee, b. g., "Volunteer Wilkes,"	75
Aaron Fowler, Coxsackie, N. Y., s. g., "Major A,"	40

SUMMARY.

F. M. Dodge, Pittsfield, "W. K.,"	1	1	1
F. S. Gross, Lee. "Volunteer Wilkes,"	2	2	3
Aaron Fowler, Coxsackie, N. Y., "Major A.,"	3	3	2
"H. H. Brown,"	drawn		
"David L.,"	drawn		

Time, 2:32, 2:30, 2:30.

THREE MINUTE CLASS.

I. W. Smith, Otis. b. g., "Fred,"	$20
L. B. Brusie, Great Barrington, s. g., "Gold Coin,"	15
D. B. McAuliffe, Great Barrington, blk. g., "Little George,"	10
Lyman H. Brusie, Egremont, b. g., "Henry B.."	5

SUMMARY.

I. W. Smith, Otis, "Fred,"	1	1	1
L. B. Brusie, Great Barrington, "Gold Coin,"	2	2	3
D. B. McAuliffe, Great Barrington, "Little George,"	3	3	2
Lyman Brusie, Egremont, "Henry B.,"	4	4	4
"Doctor,"	6	5	5
"F. S. G.,"	drawn		

Time, 2:47, 2:51, 2:43½.

2:38 CLASS.

F. M. Dodge, Pittsfield, b. g., "Dexter H.,"	$100
E. Hurlburt, Great Barrington, ch. g., "T. G.,"	50
C. H. Burtch, Copake, b. g,, "Barnum,"	25
C. Alger, Hudson, N. Y., ch. g., "Montgomery Boy,"	15

SUMMARY.

F. M. Dodge, Pittsfield, "Dexter H.,"	1	1	1
E. Hurlburt, Great Barrington, "T. G."	4	2	2
C. H. Burtch, Copake, "Barnum,"	2	3	4
C. Alger, Hudson, N. Y., "Montgomery Boy,"	3	4	3
"Major""	drawn		
"Lady Sealskin,"	drawn		
"Anson,"	drawn		
"Lucy,"	drawn		
"Charley D.,"	drawn		
"Billy Boy,"	drawn		

Time, 2:33, 2:36½, 2.35.

POULTRY.

FIRST DIVISION.

Whole number of entries, 135. Whole number of fowls. 306.

Largest and best exhibition of Poultry, Lester B. Gunn,, Lanesboro,	$5
2d do., Wesley B. Barton, Pittsfield,	1.50
M. A. Goodell, Pittsfield,	1.50
Best Black-breasted Red Game Bantam, F. M. Kellogg. Sheffield,	1
2d do., Samuel Newell, Jr. Great Barrington,	1
Red Pile Game Bantam, Walter Van Deusen, Sheffield,	2
White Pile Game Bantam, Walter Van Deusen, Sheffield.	2
Golden Duck Wing Bantam, Edwin Boardman, Sheffield,	2
Pekin Bantam, M. A. Gooddell, Pittsfield,	2
Silver Duck Wing Bantam, A. Dings, Great Barrington,	2
Golden Lace Sea Bright, B. F. Clark, Sheffield,	2
Dark Brahmas, Lester B. Gunn, Lanesboro,	2
Light Brahmas, R. H. Holmes, Sheffield.	2
Black Cochins, Lester B. Gunn, Lanesboro',	2
White Cochins, Lester B. Gunn, Lanesboro,	2

Dominiques, Frank Baldwin, Great Barrington, 2
Black Breasted Red Game, George W. Pleu, Pittsfield, 1
do., M. A. Goodell, Pittsfield, 2
Brown Breasted Red Game, M. A. Goodell, 2
do., DeWitt Smith, Lee, 1
Silver Duck Wing Game, Lester B. Gunn, Lanesboro, 1
Golden Duck Wing Game, C. F. Holmes, Great Barrington, 2
do., J. Q. A. Race, Great Barrington, 1
Red Pile Game, M. A. Goodell, Pittsfield, 2
do.. A. C. Bowen, Sheffield, 1
White Pile Games, Lester B. Gunn, Lanesboro, 2
Sumatra Games, Lester B. Gunn, Lanesboro, 2
Silver Penciled Hamburghs, How rd Van Deusen, Egremont, 2
Silver Spangled Hambughs, A. L. Reed, Great Barrington, 2
Houdans, J. P. Ballard, Alford, 2
do., M. A. Goodell, Pittsfield, 1
Brown Deghorns, Wesley, B. Barton, Pittsfield, 2
do., A. Dings, Great Barrington, 1
Rosecombed Brown Leghorns, J. D. Burtch, Sheffield, 2
do., F. N. Kellogg, Sheffield, 1
Black Leghorns, Wesley O. Barron, Pittsfield, 2
Rosecombed White Leghorns, E. P. Baldwin. Egremont, 2
do., F. N. Kellogg, Sheffield, 1
White Leghorns, W. B. Barton, Pittsfield, 1
do., L. B. Gunn, Lanesboro, 1
Plymouth Rock, C. H. Shaylor, Lee, 2
do., W. B. Barton, Pittsfield, 1
White Crested Black Polish, J. P. Ballard, Alford, 2
do., L. B. Gunn, Lanesboro, 1
Golden Polish, E. T. Clark, Sheffield, 2
do., L. B. Gunn, Lanesboro, 1
Silver Polish, E. T. Clark, Sheffield, 2
Langshangs, A. L. Reed, Great Barrington, 2
do., L. B. Gunn, Lanesboro, 1
Wyandottes, W. B. Barton, Pittsfield, 2
do., F. T. Wheeler, Great Barrington, 1
Black Java, C. E. Brace, Lee, 2
Irish Greys, Edwin Boardman, Jr., Sheffield, 1
Erminettes, DeWitt Smith, Lee, 2
Model Java, O. S. Dupar, Lee, 2
Heathwood, J. Q. A. Race, Great Barrington, 1
Fox, H. Linsey, Sheffield, 1
Duck Wing Game Bantams, Fred Lawrence, Egremont, 1

COMMITTEE.—Jones Wilcox, Flint Smith, Joseph Ramsey.

SECOND DIVISION.

Whole number of entries, 40. Fowls, 77; Turkeys, 9; Geese, 9; Aylesbury Ducks, 0; Rouen Ducks, 3; Muscovey Ducks, 3; Pekin Ducks, 3; Guineas, 5; Pigeons, 2; Miscellaneous, 6.

Best pair Turkeys, Adelbert Dings, Great Barrington, $3 00
2d do., Mark Laird, Great Barrington, 2 00
3d do., H. C. Benson, Great Barrington, 1 00
Best pair of Geese, Adelbert Dings Great Barrington, 3 00
2d do., William Jones, Alford, 2 00
3d do., A. H. Alexander, New Marlboro, 1 00
Best pair Rouen Ducks, L. K. Kline, Egremont, 2 00
2d do., Walter Lewis, Great Barrington, 1 00
Best pair Muscovey Ducks, L. K. Kline, Egremont, 2 00
Best pair Pekin Ducks, Wesley B. Barton, Pittsfield, 2 00
2d do., J. A. Kline, Egremont, 1 00
Best Guineas, Sheldon Scoville, Egremont, 2 00
2d do., Ephriam R. Baldwin, Egremont, 1 00

Best Pigeons (Fantail), Russell Dewey, Sheffield, 1 00
2d do., (Tumbler), Edwin Boardman, Sheffield, 50
Best pair Pea Fowls, D. W. Merrifield, Sheffield, 1 00
Best Wild Rabbits, DeWitt Munson, Monterey, 50
Best Hoot Owl, H. B. Cross, Sheffield, 1 00
Best Raccoon, Alonzo Coon, Alford, 1 00
Best Tame Partridge, Harry Dewey, Great Barrington, 1 00
COMMITTEE.—W. G. Backus, Jr., H. D. Hyde, Frank S. Weaver.

ORCHARDS.

Whole number of entries, 1.

Best Apple Orchard, P. G. Comstock, Great Barrington, $10

Your Committee would recommend giving orchards one more year and view them the same time as reclaimed lands. If the seasons are dry they get but very little growth in two years. Only one Apple Orchard set in the Fall of 1882 or Spring of 1883 was entered.

COMMITTEE.—Reuben R. Brewer, Harvey Roys,.

RECLAIMED LAND.

Entered in 1882.

Best one acre Reclaimed Land, Eli Martin, Great Barrington, $10
2d do., Fred A. Burghardt, Great Barrington, 8
COMMITTEE.—Levi Boardman, Jared Bradley.

REPORT ON REPORTS.

To Committee on Fruits, First Division, first premium, $8
To Committee on Late Summer Crops, second premium, 6
To Committee on Agricultural Implements, third premium, 4

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The year just past has been one of great interest and remarkable prosperity for the Housatonic Agricultural Society. With the exception of Summer and Fall Crops, nearly all departments exceeded in numbers as well as in excellence all those of former years.

The forty-fourth annual exhibition began on Wednesday, September 30th, a sunny, mild, autumnal day, drawing together as large a crowd as was ever seen on the grounds the first day. The show of thoroughbred cattle was very fine, and uncommonly large, showing an improvement in quality in nearly every department; in fact, this may be said of nearly all the various classes of animals. In the hall the exhibition of fruit and ladies fancy work was so large as to require all the space not needed for other purposes, and the show cases were filled to their utmost capacity. The show of agricultural implements was uncommonly interesting, prominent among which was the large exhibit of machinery by the Wheeler & Melick Co., of Albany, N. Y., under the management of E. D. Brainard of Great Barrington. Several of the larger machines were seen in motion, the power being supplied by a portable steam engine. This department was located in the center of the trotting circle, and always attracted a crowd of spectators. In addition to the other attractions two bicycle races were given, open to those who had never taken a prize. There were four entries, and the prizes were awarded to C. Heath of Lee and to W. H. Sheridan of Pittsfield. The music for the day was furnished by the Stockbridge Cornet Band. The receipts at the gate were $1,901.08.

Thursday, the second day, the weather continued mild and pleasant, and the attendance generally conceded to be the largest ever on the grounds. The exhibition of horses was complete and superior, and the several trials of speed proved to be of great interest to the crowd of spectators. During the interval between the trotting the large Percheron horses of W. R. Allen of Pittsfield were exhibited, also the blooded stallion "Gen. Putnam," half brother of "Maud S," owned in Brooklyn, N. Y. The Housatonic Cornet Band furnished the music. The receipts at the gate were $1,698.33, and from the grand stand (at five cents each) $53.44, in all $1,751.77 being the largest amount ever received on a second day.

The morning of Friday, the third day, was dark and threatening, and although the day finally proved to be delightfully cool and comfortable, the attendance was but moderately good, probably about 6,000 persons in all. At 9:30 o'clock a. m., the president called the audience in the hall to order, and after a prayer by Rev. Mr. Traver, the Rev. Dr. Eddy of Canaan delivered the address, published herewith. His Excellency George D. Robinson, Governor of the Commonwealth, was next introduced, who, in the course of his remarks tendered the compliments of the Commonwealth to this Society for not only being out of debt, but for having a permanent fund; spoke words of encouragement to the farmers, and urged the young men to share in agricultural pursuits.

Dr. C. E. Heath of Lee then read a poem, and after music by the Germania Band of Pittsfield which had by this time arrived, and the awards were read. The trials of speed occupied the afternoon. The gate receipts for the day were $649.70, and from the grand stand $38.03.

FARMERS INSTITUTES.

The nineteenth Farmers's Institute of the Society was held in the Town Hall in Great Barrington, on Friday, February 20th, 1885, the attendance beginning with about fifty persons, gradually increased to a hundred and fifty by lunch time. President Heath called the meeting to order and announced the first subject for discussion. "FEEDING AND CARE OF STOCK."

Alonzo Bradley of Lee, opened the discussion, and gave a comparative value of the various foods. He considers economy in feeding to consist not so much in the quantity, as in giving the proper proportion and kind of food. Cows give two-fifths more cheese and two-fifths less butter when left to the changes of the elements than if kept under shelter. A heifer calf gets half her growth the first year; half the remainder the second, and attains full growth the fourth year. The cost of feeding a fat steer exhibited at Chicago, last autumn, per pound of gain was 2.92 cents the first year; 4.58 cents the second; 7.44 cents the third; and 8.77 for 4½ months on the fourth year. Only about 75 per cent. of unground oats are digested.

There is no other food than milk that can take its place for a young calf. After a few weeks gradually other food can be given. Oil cake, fine wheat bran, and a little of very tender hay, and for variety ground oats, can safely be given. The lighter foods can be increased as the calf grows and in time the animal can be given all he will eat. This system will produce large well developed calves. Cotton seed meal is not a suitable food for young stock, calves particularly,

Finely cured clover hay is twice as nutritious as timothy hay. Oat straw is quite innutritious. Corn-cobs, about which much has been said as a food, are not good food. Cattle can eat but twenty-four to thirty pounds of dry food to get one pound of weight, and those foods that exceed this limit of ratio in their nutriment are detrimental to the animals, as well as those foods that fall below a true ratio. In one hundred pounds of oat straw there are but one and three-tenths of a pound of growth; one hundred pounds of carrots supply but one pound. The proper ratio is twelve pounds of heat material to one pound of growth material in one hundred pounds of food.

Mr. Bradley gave an elaborate exposition of scientific and correct feeding for cattle that cannot be condensed into this report, it was so replete with figures expressing various values of each of the different kinds of food, and the ratios that exist among these values.

In response to Z. Cande of Sheffield, Mr. Bradley said that clover should be cut just before bloom to get the most nutriment, and then a second crop can be cut. Late cut timothy loses one-half its worth compared with the hay cut early.

Frank A. Palmer of Stockbridge took up the subject of the care of stock. He advocated the feeding on the farm of the crops raised thereon, and selling only the condensed products, such as milk, butter, cheese and beef. The leading value of roots is their power to keep stock in a heathful tone. The successful New England farmer cannot afford to sell his grain and the day is past when he can even afford to raise his grain. Never feed an inferior cow except to fatten and dispose of her. Pigs weighing one hundred pounds pay better than much heavier pigs to sell, taking account of the cost of the food and the ratio of growth. Select the best stock, feed well and treat gently.

Mr. Palmer's nicely written article was well received, and at its close, he was

asked by Mr. Bradley if he favored the feeding of ensilage to butter and cheese cows, objection to the practice being made in England as detrimental to the keeping qualities of these products. Mr. Palmer could not say as to this, but he yet believed that ensilage is destined to take the place of the root crops. All who try ensilage like it.

James Bullard of Lee wanted to know what grain produces the best results, prices considered. Mr. Palmer feeds seven to eight pounds of No. 1 middlings and corn meal, half and half, and feeds roots in connection ; oats are too expensive for a profitable feed.

William H. Day of Great Barrington inquired what flat turnips are worth to a cow. They play their part in promoting digestion, and they, or something of the kind, are almost indispensable.

Jared Lewis suggested that turnips might taint the beef, if killed while on this diet. Mr. Bullard gave it as his opinion that to avoid the turnip taste, these roots should be thoroughly expelled from the system by feeding something else after them.

J. A. Kline of Egremont asked T. S. Baldwin also of Egremont, if turnip feeding made any difference with the flow of milk. The reply was that it increased the milk, and, in answer to George H. Wheeler of Monterey, he said that the quality remained high.

F. K. Hinckley of Lee had no doubt that turnips made milk, just as water does. Sugar beets, a peck to a cow with grain, increase the flow of milk, but not the cream to any appreciable extent ; the best turnips are inferior to beets. Mr. Wheeler believed that no line of feeding would benefit all dairy purposes.

S. H. Nye of Great Barrington declared that he would rather have a ton of ensilage than a ton of any roots, and that, as much more ensilage can be raised from an acre than roots, it is much more profitable.

E. W. B. Canning of Stockbridge felicitously reminded several of those present that while he had taught them algebra, they were now teaching him something. He recalled many pleasant memories of the time when he was a farmer's boy, and called attention to the profitableness of the Institutes and of the experiments of "gentlemen farmers," who sink money on their farms every year.

The lunch had a bad effect on the meeting, for after it was over, two-thirds of the no longer hungry farmers departed, when they should have remained to listen to the interesting description of a visit to the Isle of Jersey by E. L. Heath of Stockbridge.

In the first place, however, Dr. J. L. Miller of Sheffield, said that roots do not save hay or grain, but increase the flow of milk and make the cattle more contented. For twenty years he has fed sweet corn, an early variety planted from the 25th of May to the 1st of June ; it is the cheapest and best food, fed green when the ears are nearly matured.

Mr. E. L. Heath of Stockbridge, was asked to give some account of his recent travels in the Isle of Jersey and England. He said he went nearly the whole length of England, found fifteen or so in one field gleaning, fifty cents a day was paid there for labor, meat was almost unknown to them. In the Isle of Jersey he found excellent roads, the wagons very heavy, farms from two and one-half to twenty acres, rents from $40 to $60 per acre. They make everything tell. The tides are fifty feet high and tons of sea weed are gathered every day to be used for fertilizing. They top dress some lots as we do. The ploughs are

like those of one hundred years ago. Potatoes are raised and sent to the London market. Hedges are everywhere, there being no board or wire fences. All the buildings are of stone; with either thatched or tile roofs; barns of fair size, oftentimes the barn and house are in one; fruit is raised in abundance but lacks the fine flavor of American fruit. The island is divided into districts, and each one has its agricultural society. Those animals getting prizes are shown at the Royal Exhibition. Every one is allowed to breed from these animals, price £1 or thereabouts. The poor ones are slaughtered. Some are bred purely for fancy pets, others for butter. Prices there as here vary from $100 to $5,000. The cattle are always sold by brokers. When they are to be shipped from the island, they must wait until the tide is right; they are put into cribs and hoisted ever so high. One doesn't find so many animals ruined there as here. They are fed largely with roots, and with more care, and are put up every night. All grazing cattle are tethered. For making butter the milk is kept in stone crocks. Butter sells from thirty to sixty cents a pound in our money.

The "Ferdinzorf Stock" was again discussed.

James Bullard of Lee, said he had lost more stock from injudicious overfeeding than from any other source. We must know how much food every animal needs. He thinks certain qualities of beets help digestion.

Leonard Tuttle of Sheffield doesn't like speaking about *measure* but *weight* of food. A pound of wheat bran will make as much and as good milk as a pound of corn meal or wheat meal, and the cow will last longer and do better. Wheat bran is better than rye bran or shorts. If much cotton seed meal is fed, you will find the oil in the milk. For a good feed mix 100 pounds cotton seed meal, 150 pounds white corn meal, and 150 pounds wheat bran, plunge the mixture into boiling water in the afternoons and feed next day. Prefer mixed feed to any single kind, but if one alone is used, would give wheat bran.

L. V. N. Blakeman of Egremont, said his method of feeding was similar to that recommended by Mr. Tuttle, and as Zacheus Cande of Sheffield, has just turned off a pair of steers of 4,200 pounds, four years old, he would like to get the best results.

Mr. Cande said he fed them new milk the first year with not much skim milk; the next year some grain; the next year two quarts grain; the next summer no grain, and in the winter three quarts meal. At three years old in March they weighed 3,200 pounds. The next summer no grain was given. In the fall they were fed cut up corn and weighed 3,540 pounds. This year they were fed five quarts each, twice a day, weighed 4,200, and sold at six and five-eighths cents per pound. He thinks steers will turn best at two years old.

After some further remarks by Mr. Tuttle on the watering of cows, the meeting was dissolved.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

W. W. LANGDON, SUPERINTENDENT.

IN ACCOUNT WITH HOUSATONIC AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Dr.

To Money Received for Rents of Stalls and Privileges on Fair Grounds.

Mrs. Karner,	$65 00	A. P. Shaw,	$3 00
Adams & Knickerbocker,	65 00	F. Burlingame,	3 00
Thomas Norton,	70 00	Whips,	1 00
Marcus Dearing,	30 00	John Haligan,	4 00
Andrew Corcoran,	30 00	Wm. J. Nelson,	1 00
William Holmes,	15 00	T. S. Watt,	2 00
W. W. Langdon,	12 00	E. Winslow,	1 00
Henry Snyder,	15 00	J. D. Pierce,	10 00
O. Taft,	15 00	John Worthington,	3 50
H. B. Rounds,	20 00	John Peters,	2 00
William Fee,	10 00	Louis Prudhomme,	2 00
William Curtis,	12 00	Edw. Conrouisier,	1 00
Lud Van Deusen,	7 00	A. Robbinson,	1 00
George L. Church,	3 00	M. Goldman,	6 00
John W. Reed,	12 00	E. Rathbun,	3 00
Barton Buckbee,	7 25	C. Darcy,	2 75
W. Sheridan,	8 00	S. Anderson,	1 00
George Owens,	17 00	Abram Fresh,	2 50
Clark & Miner,	12 00	L. Annette,	16 00
D. B. McAuliffe,	15 00	James O'Neall,	5 00
L. B. Jenks,	40 00	P. McElroy,	3 00
E. C. Tero,	5 00	Geo. Lawrence,	22 00
H. J. Mignery,	10 00	Foster,	3 00
Walter Snyder,	10 00	C. W. Wilson,	10 00
W. H. Towne,	20 00	Will Hadley,	15 00
Austin Hatch,	7 00	W. E. Baker,	3 00
C. C. Fuller,	12 00	Michael Hurley,	10 00
Mrs. W. Hayes,	10 00	Watson & Gibbon,	8 00
Orville Brusie,	10 00	L. Annette,	9 00
Luther Brusie,	17 00	Loomis & Fox,	10 00
John G. Adams,	6 00	James Cheever,	6 00
Jason Cooley,	20 00	Wm. Cook,	4 00
John G. Adams,	6 00	C. H. Garry,	1 00
George Wagner,	2 00	Wm. Burke,	5 00
Henry Snyder,	8 00	Van De Bogart,	6 00
F. H. Andrews,	25 00	B. Almonte,	15 00
W. W. Boardman,	12 00	Bristol,	45 00
Van Curtis,	6 00	G. W. Taylor,	10 00
Horace E. Ball,	14 00	Frank Cummings,	10 00
James Noonan,	4 00	Jacob Moore,	5 00
John Brannon,	23 00	H. B. Avery,	4 00
A. Marks,	8 00	Sport Campana,	3 00
C. B. Ford,	7 00	S. Murphy,	4 00
C. D. Jaques,	5 00	Geo. Jones,	4 00
D. E. Parent,	6 00	G. M. Talehanena,	1 00
Geo. H. Beverly,	2 00	Geo. Emmons,	1 50
C. W. Funda,	12 00	P. Kinnery,	4 00
E. A. Groat,	6 00	W. W. Bristol,	4 00
W. O'Keefe,	4 50	Peter Snyder,	1 00
John W. Morgan,	10 00		
Charles Brusie,	25 00		$1,090 00

To cash received as follows,

Levi Huntley, house rent from April 1st, 1885 to April 1st, 1886,	$60 00
Noah Osborne, grass,	27 50
Henry B. Rounds, grass,	30 00
Frederick Burghardt, grass,	25 00
Edward Gorham, grass,	21 00
Patrick Sullivan, grass,	31 50
Joel Nodine, grass,	17 00
	$212 00
Pixley & Hayes, apples,	7 00
Russell Ball club, rent of grounds.	5 00
Total,	$1,314 00

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By cash paid Treasurer,	$1.314 00

W. W. LANGDON, Superintendent.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JANUARY 1, 1886.

FRANK H. WRIGHT, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH HOUSATONIC AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

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To cash borrowed of Mary M. Kilbourn,	$ 400 00
cash from Old Members, yearly dues,	1,300 00
cash from Old Members, arrears,	41 00
cash from New Members, Life,	15 00
cash from New Members, Stock,	33 34
cash from New Members, Ordinary,	240 00
cash from Admissions,	2,368 27
cash from Season Tickets,	255 00
cash from Grand Stand,	109 62
cash from Fine for jumping fence,	50
cash from W. W. Langdon, as per statement,	1,314 00
cash from State Treasurer,,	600 00
cash from Secretary, entry fees for Trotting Horses,	305 00
cash from Berkshire Agricultural Society, one-half the expenses of Institute at Lee,	20 38
	$7,002 11

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

By paid M. S. Heath,	$16 00
paid H. W. Smith,	14 00
paid C. E. Slater,	12 00
paid J. B. Walker,	12 00
paid P. M. Shaylor,	10 00

By paid H. Z. Candee,	$12 00
paid Wm. M. Chapin,	12 00
paid T. S. Baldwin,	14 00
paid M. I. Wheeler,	9 00
paid J. A. Brewer,	6 00
	$117 00

COMMITTEES.

By paid L. P. Keyes, Gardens,	$28 00
paid Mrs. W. W. Norton, Gardens.	14 00
paid Mrs. J. B. Chadwick, Gardens,	14 00
paid H. T. Potts, Orchards and Reclaimed Lands,	5 00
paid Jared Bradley, Orchards and Reclaimed Lands,	6 75
paid R. R. Brewer, Orchards and Reclaimed Lands.	14 00
paid Levi Boardman, Orchards,	10 00
paid Harvey Roys, Orchards,	2 00
paid H. W. Smith, Crops.	42 00
paid Wm. H. Palmer. Crops,	22 00
paid W. C. French, Crops,	66 00
paid George Kellogg, Crops,	62 00
paid Dwight Andrews, Crops,	36 55
paid N. B. Turner, Crops,	60 00
	$382 30

ORATOR AND MUSIC.

By paid Hiram Eddy, D. D.,	$25 00
paid Germania Band,	90 00
paid Stockbridge Band,	50 00
paid Housatonic Band,	40 00
	$205 00

LABOR ON GROUNDS, MATERIALS, REPAIRS, Etc.

By paid John Brewer's Sons, for lumber,	$96 19
paid M. Luchsinger, for labor,	38 25
paid Charles H. Bentley, for labor.	60 00
paid Wm. W. Gorham, for labor,	6 00
paid Frederick L. Bristol, for labor.	63 50
paid Henry Snyder, for labor,	64 75
paid A. S. Mansir, for labor,	1 75
paid Will B. Leonard, for labor,	10 00
paid Henry Snyder, for labor,	9 00
paid J. A. Brewer, bills of sundries,	68 49
paid Wier & Leonard, bill of sundries,	3 90
paid C. J. Burget, bill of sundries,	2 75
paid James H. Adams, for labor,	5 00
paid Peter Van Allen, care Gents' closets,	4 50
paid Mrs. Dowd, care Ladies' closets,	3 75
paid Moore & Cook, bill of sundries,	85
paid F. H. Baker, for labor,	18 00
paid Chapin & Co., for corn,	1 95
paid W. W. Langdon, Superintendent's Salary,	75 00
paid Edward Manville, Assistant Superindent,	12 00
	$545 63

TREASURER'S OFFICE, TICKET SALESMEN, GATEMEN, MARSHALS, ETC.

By paid William H. Mansfield, Treasurer's Office,	$9 00
paid John C. Wheeler, Treasurer's Office,	9 00
paid Charles R. Brewer, Treasurer's Office,	9 00
paid Joseph C. Frein, Treasurer's Office,	9 00
paid John Anderson, Treasurer's Office,	6 00
paid John K. Siggins, North Office,	9 00
paid Luke Shead, South Office,	9 00
paid H. A. Bristol, selling tickets in road,	15 00
paid E. L. Day, selling tickets in road,	9 00
paid F. L. Bristol, Grand Stand,	7 50
paid Howard Wheeler, Grand Stand,	7 50
paid Treasurer's Salary,	125 00
paid J. A. Brewer, Chief Marshal,	6 00
paid L. C. Raifstanger, Marshal,	6 00
paid E. A. Kilbourn, Marshal,	6 00
paid Geo. H. Wheeler, Marshal,	6 00
paid R. R. Brewer, Marshal,	6 00
paid W. W. Norton, Marshal,	6 00
paid H. T. Candee, Marshal,	6 00
paid Eugene Miller, Marshal,	6 00
paid J. G. Wilson, Marshal,	6 00
paid H. S. Bushnell, Marshal,	6 00
paid E. D. Humphrey, Marshal,	6 00
paid J. C. Smith, Road Marshal,	9 00
paid H. E. Codding, Stock Marshal,	8 00
paid H. W. Sykes, Poultry Marshal,	9 00
paid Wm. H. Wheeler, Assistant Poultry Marshal,	6 00
paid N. C. Chapin, Main Gate,	9 00
paid John Hickey, Main Gate,	9 00
paid Henry Snyder, Main Gate,	9 00
paid C. H. Bentley, Main Gate,	9 00
paid Charles Evans, Foot Gate,	7 50
paid Seneca Nodine, Stock Gate,	6 00
paid A. T. Robbins, Stock Gate,	4 00
paid F. S. Turner, Exit Gate,	7 50
paid John N. Munson, South Gate,	9 00
paid Harvey Holmes, President's Room,	6 00
	$398 00

SECRETARY.

By paid Henry T. Robbins, salary.	$125 00
paid Henry T. Robbins, stationery, postage etc.,	38 35
paid Otis Hatch, Assistant Secretary,	9 00
	$172 35

WATCHMEN.

By paid H. S. Manley, Supt.,	$12 00	paid E. A. Manley,	6 00
paid John Wright,	4 50	paid Thomas Gibbons, 2d,	7 50
paid James Hynes,	5 00	paid Wm. H. Van Deusen,	6 00
paid Anthony Fayhe,	6 00	paid W. D. White,	6 00
paid James Mullany,	6 00	paid Thomas Gibbons,	4 50
paid Enos Seymour,	4 50	paid Thomas Murray,	4 50
paid Dean Haywood,	11 00	paid Myron P. Stillman,	6 00
paid Henry Billings,	4 00	paid A. S. Mansir,	10 00
paid Alexander Snyder,	4 50	paid Thomas Smith,	2 25
paid P. H. Comstock.	6 00		
paid E. C. Wooster,	7 50		$123 75

ON ORDERS BY SUPERINTENDENT OF HALL.

By paid John Gibson. Supt.,	$21 00	By paid Charles F. Painter,	$3 00
paid F. S. Crippen,	4 00	paid Miss Frank Girling,	3 00
paid Mrs. James Dunn,	1 50	paid Walter Lewis,	3 00
paid Mrs. Frank Durant,	1 50	paid Mrs. J. A. Bryan,	1 50
paid George Wright,	7 00	paid S. L. Sheldon,	1 50
paid John Hart,	4 00	paid Mrs. John Chadwick,	1 50
paid Lyman F. Gibson,	3 00	paid Mrs. M. E. Cowles,	1 50
paid J. Q. A. Race,	7 00	pald Edith Pixley,	1 50
paid Mrs. A. L. Gibson,	3 00	paid Miller Siggins,	1 50
paid Harry Prindle,	3 00	paid Lucy Kellogg,	1 50
paid D. J. Coleman,	6 00	paid Kate P. Gallup,	1 50
paid Charles Platt,	1 50	paid Annie L. Gibson,	1 50
paid John Stone,	4 00		
			$89 00

DRIVING AND TROTTING.

By paid F. M. Dodge, open to all class,	$150 00
paid F. S. Gross, open to all class,	75 00
paid Aaron Fowler, open to all class,	45 00
paid John Stallman, 2:33 class,	100 00
paid F. S. Gross, 2:33 class,	50 00
paid Edwin Hurlburt, 2:33 class,	25 00
paid F. M. Dodge, 2:33 class,	15 00
paid Eddie Dodge, 2:38 class,	100 00
paid Edwin Hurlburt, 2:38 class,	50 00
paid C. H. Burtch, 2:38 class,	25 00
paid Charles Alger, 2:38 class,	15 00
paid Edwin Hurlburt, 2:50 class,	20 00
paid I. W. Smith, 2:50 class,	15 00
paid D. B. McAuliffe, 2:50 class,	10 00
paid L. B. Brusie, 2:50 class,	5 00
paid I. W. Smith, three-minute class,	20 00
paid L. B. Brusie, three-minute class,	15 00
paid D. B. McAuliffe. three-minute class,	10 00
	$745 00
paid W. S. Barnum, three-minute class, 1884,	5 00
paid W. S. Barnum, pairs road, 1884.	10 00
	$760 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

By paid J. N. Warner, to correct error of Committee,	$ 3 00
paid S. A. Seeley, repairs,	2 40
paid Jason Cooley, for refreshments and labor Institute,	25 54
paid one-half expenses Institute at Lee,	20 38
paid James Bullard, the other half expenses of Institute at Lee,	20 38
paid Clark W. Bryan & Co., for printing, advertising etc.,	266 50
paid Russell Morgan Printing Company,	4 50
paid Strobridge Lithographing Company,	30 00
paid J. A. Brewer, use of horse,	6 00
paid W. W. Norton, use of horse,	6 00
paid N. C. Chapin services,	6 00
paid John Hickey, services,	6 00
paid Meriden Britania Co., bicycle prizes,	25 45
paid express on bicycle prizes,	45
paid A. L. Hubbell, expenses, &c.,	30 60
paid E. Y. Foote, for printing,	27 65
paid E. D. Humphrey, cartage,	34 50
paid Wm. J. Mallory, hack hire, &c.,	7 50

By paid Berkshire House, 1884 and 1885,	$19 40
paid N. H. Osborne, for sprinkling,	16 00
paid Henry T. Robbins, bill of sundries,	4 55
paid N. H. Osborne, for ice,	4 00
paid M. E. Tobey, bill of sundries,	13 40
paid C. E. Slater, hack hire,	75
paid H. Easland, repairing roller,	10 00
paid J. H. O'Connell, blacksmithing,	1 00
paid for Dinners, during Fair,	42 00
paid Mary M. Kilbourn's note and interest,	411 50
paid Premiums in cash,	2,682 00
transferred to Permanent fund, Life and Stock Members receipts,	48 34
paid telegrams and postage,	3 50
	$3,779 29

EXPERT COMMITTEE.

By paid J. D. W. French, expenses,	$13 10
paid R. G. Coffing, expenses,	4 40
paid H. O. Warner, expenses,	3 50
paid M. C. Weld, expenses,	8 00
paid Jones Wilcox, expenses,	4 20
	$33 20
Total,	$6,605 52
Cash on hand January 1, 1886, to balance,	$396 59
	$7,002 11

PERMANENT FUND.

AS REPORTED JANUARY 1ST, 1885.	$1,064 25
Additions, during year, as follows:—	
January Dividend, Stockbridge and Pittsfield Railroad Stock,	8 58
January Dividend, New York Central Stock,	7 50
April Dividend, New York Central Stock,	5 00
July Interest on Bank Book, No. 5632 to July 1,	1 44
July Dividend. Stockbridge and Pittsfield Railroad Stock,	17 50
July Dividend, New York Central Stock,	2 50
October Dividend, New York Central Stock,	2 50
Stock and Life Members Receipts, 1885,	48 34
January 1886, Dividend Stock and Pittsfield Stock,	9 59
Interest on Bank Book to January 1, 1886,	1 85
	$104 80
Permanent Fund, January, 1886,	$1,169 05
Invested as follows:	
Five Shares Stockbridge and Pittsfield Railroad Stock, par value,	500 00
Five Shares New York Central Railroad Stock, par value,	500 00
Great Barrington Savings Bank Book, No. 5,632,	169 05
	$1,169 05

FRANK H. WRIGHT, Treasurer.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

Those designated with a * are Stock or Permanent Members; those with a † Life Members.

This list comprises the names of members in good standing, also of those one year in arrears; those two or more years in arrears are dropped from this list.

ADAMS.

Baker, T. H.
*Bucklin, A. J.
*Farnum, D. F.
*Lincoln, S. L.
Smith, Josiah A.
Twing, J. A.

ALFORD.

Arnold, Aaron
Barnum, Edwin R.
Bassett, Edwin A.
Ballard, Jackson P.
Beebe, Mrs. R.
Bolton, William H.
Buckbee, Charles
Buck, Henry F.
Calkins, Harrison
Champion, Evi
Corcoran, John
Curtis, George R.
Curtis, Robert M.
Curtis, F. M.
Debell, Fred
DeForrest, John C.
Dings, Hiram
Dings, Adelbert
Dings, Frank
Edwards, J. H.
Fitch, Horace S.
Galvin, Dennis
Garrison, Andrew S.
Hawver, Frank
Hinman, W. C.
Holmes, Richard A.
Huggins, D. A.
Jacobs, Horace S.
Jones, William
Kline, Milo
Meach, George
Milligan, T. W.
Milligan, J. L.
Milligan, Merrick
Osborne, Lester T.
Palmer, Allen J.
Palmer, W. H.
Post, Leonard
Prindle, Russell
Rivenburgh, S.
Rowe, Myron
Smith, H. W.
Smith, Ernest
Sperry, William A.
Stickles, George W.
Stoddard, A. A.
*Stoddard, William
*Stoddard, Benton E.
Stoddard, Charles F.
Stoddard, George B.
Swartz, Enos J.
Sweet, Ambrose
Shufelt, Jeremiah
Taylor, J. M.
*Ticknor, Ezra C.
*Ticknor, W. A.
Ticknor, Henry
Tobey, Elisha L.
Tobey, George B.
Wagoner, Silas
Williams, Samuel K.
Woodford, John B.
Van Deusen, Richard

AUSTERLITZ, N. Y.

Almsted, Walter
Anthony, Michael
Brown, George D.
Vosburgh, Westerly
Wheeler, Martin
Wheeler, Wellington

CANAAN, CT.

Adams, H. N.
Benedict, George
Houghtaling, T.
Huntley, Ezra B.
Lawrence, W. A.
Morrison, John
Rossmau, W. W
Roraback, A. T.
Spaulding, John F.
Strong, George P.
Van Deusen, Robert

COPAKE, N. Y.

Decker, R.
Drum, H. M.
Holsapple, J. W.
Miller, J. E.
Miller, Lester
Vosburgh, Egbert
Wright, William

DALTON.

Barton, Jr., H. A.
Barton, W. B.

EGREMONT.

Atwater, H. J.
*Baldwin, Benjamin F.
Baldwin. I. D. W.
*Baldwin, Theodore S.
Baldwin, Stephen
†Baldwin, E. R.
Bassett, C. H.
Benjamin, Elbert C.
Bradford, George F.
Bradford, John
Bradford, Ralph H.
Branch, O. A.
Benjamin, A. A.
Benjamin, F. K.
Best, Ezra
Bignal, C.
*Blakeman, L. V. N.
Boice, Abram
Boice, Jordon
Brewster, George A.
Brown, George A.
*Brown, Martin
Brown, Charles F.
Blunt, Rutson
Brusie, Lyman [redacted].
Bunce, Dan
Bunce, George
Bunce, James H.
Burdick, Nathan
Burget, Henry W.
Burtis, George M.
Cahill, John
Campbell, John W.
Coon, Jacob
Curtis, P. W.
Crippen, William F.
Colby, Charles H.
Cronin, Michael
Dalzell, W. C.
Dean, Charles L.
Derrick, Arthur B.
Dewey, Seymour B.
Doty, George S.
Doty, J. S.
Doty, Sanford
Duncan, Weeden
Dunlap, B. K.
Fee, William
Felder, Leonard
Fuller, Charles E.
Funk, George
Gardner, James A.
Greattrax, Luther P.
Green, W. R.
Harrington, Emers G.
Harris, G. E.
Hasty, William
Hall, G. W.
Hollenbeck, Artemus
Hollenbeck, Jacob E.
Hollenbeck, John H.
Hollenbeck, John W.
Holmes, William
Husted, E. H.
Hutchinson, C. B.
*Joyner, Charles S.
Joyner, Frank S.
*Joyner, Loomis M.
Joyner, E. R.
Johnson, Frank E.
Johnson, Billings
Karner, Andrew P.
Karner, S. N.
Kelsey, Mark
Kipp, Harmon P.
Kissleback, Peter
Kline, Joseph
*Kline, Joseph A.
Kline, Levi K.
Kline, Mason B.
Kline, Scott W.
Lambert, F. G.
Lasher, Delmar M.
Lee, William
Loomis, Benjamin F.
Loomis, Minor B.
Love, John N.
Makely, William
*Millard, Eliza C.
Millard, Joseph L.
Millard, E. H.
Millard. Leonard R.
Miller, Eugene
Murphy, Burton
Murphy, William
Murphy, John
Newman, E. E.
Norton, R. H.
Olmsted, F. M.
O'Neal, Cornelius
Peck, George A.
Peck, W. B.
Peck, E. R.
Ploss, George E.
Ploss, Henry
Polmatier, William
Potts, Herman T.
Potts, Robert A.
Race, Seneca T.
Ramsey, John
Ramsey, Joseph
Rider, Jr., Andrew J.
Rogers, Ransom
Rounds, H. B.
Rowe, H. L.
*Rowe, Frank D.
*Rowley, Henry C.
*Rowley, James H.
Sabin, William E.
Scoville, Elizabeth E.
Schwartz, Robert
Shepard, F. S.
Skiff, F. W.
Smith, Almon M.
Smith, Gilfred
Smith, B. N.
Stillman, Frederick
Strong, Erastus
Taft, R. C.
Tinker, George H.
Tinker, George
Tinker, W. H.
Tucker, Lewis B.
Tyrrell, Earnest M.
Van Bramer, J. E.
Van Deusen, L. C.
Van Deusen, Newman
*Wait, Dyer
Wait, Charles T.
Warren, Mrs. J. H.
Warren, W. C.
Warren, John P.
Whitehouse, William S.
Wilcox, V. L.
Wilbur, Burtiss
Williams, Cornelius
Wheeler, B. M.
Wolf, James
Young, James S.

GREAT BARRINGTON.

Adams, Mrs. J. P.
Adams, Edward J.
Adams, J. H.
Ambach, Julius
Abbey, Frederick
Alger, James B.
Anderson, George W.
*Avery, Miles
Almonte, Bernard
Atwood, Phineas T.
Atwood, Levi H.
Andrus, Henry
Andrews, George A.
Arnold, Hiram J.
Austin, C. H.
Baker, George S.
Baker, Henry
Baldwin, Andrew J.
Baldwin, Joel
Barrett, Michael
Barry, James W.

Barnes, C. W.
Barnes, Edward E.
Bradburn, H. J.
Barnum, W. S.
*Bentley, Charles H.
*Beebe, Levi
Beckwith, Daniel W.
Beckwith, James H.
Benson, H. C.
Benton, Amanda
Borden, C. E.
Bracken, Mrs. Marcus
Brainard, E. D.
*Brewer, John
*Brewer, John A.
Bristol, M. A.
Barry, Thomas
Baldwin, Curtis W.
Broderick, William H.
Bryan, Clark W.
Bryan, James A.
Brewer, Edwin S.
Brewer, Reuben R.
Bronson, M. G.
Bennett, George W.
Beecher, Chester C.
Brewer, Newton
*Briggs, George W.
Briggs, Luther A.
Bristol, Henry A.
Blow, Peter
Boardman, H. D.
Brown, C. K.
Brown, Myron R.
Brown, Ransom A.
Brusie, Orville J.
Brusie, Orville T.
Brusie, L. B.
Brusie, Charles
Bruey, Augustus J.
Buckley, 1st, Thomas
Buckbee, Gifford
Burget, John L.
Burget, Charles J.
Burghardt, Fred A.
Burghardt, L. N.
Burgett, William H.
Burnes, Garret
Burr, Moses C.
Busby, Lester H.
Burtiss, T. F.
Calkins, Charles P.
*Camp, Samuel
Camp, Frank B.
Chadwick, John B.
Chapin, Norman C.
Chapin, George S.
Chapin, T. M.
Church, Alonzo
Clark, Abram
Clark, E. H.
Clark, Wilber J.
Clark, Benjamin F.
Coffing, Mrs. Rebecca F.
Collins, Allen
Collins, A. C.
*Collins, Abel F.
Collins, Elisha
Comstock, 2d Hiram
Comstock, Lancaster
Comstock, 2d P. G.
Comstock, Mrs. J. W.
Cone, J. Shepard
*Cone, John A. estate,
Coon, Freeland
Corff, Frederick J.
Cooley, Jason
Collins, Allen
Crostea William
*Church, George
Church, Mark
Clapp, Henry
Clapp, Wellington
Camp, Charles M.
Crissey, Warren
Crissey, B. W.
Crine, Sidney
Curtiss, Mrs. H. M.
Curtiss, Mrs. Susan A.
Curtiss, Van R.
Culver, Edmund B.
Cropper, John G.
Damon, Isaac
Day, George S.
Day, Guy
Day, W. H.
Decker, George W.
Deland, F. N.
Dellert, Frederick
Dewey, Justin
Dewey, S. O.
*Dresser, Henry
Dikeman, Grove
Dimon, John
Donahue, John
Dodge, George R.
*Dodge, John L.
Dorman, Isaac
Dorman, J. A.
Dorman, Levi R.
Dorr, Gilbert L.
Dewey, Charles A.
Drummond, Robert D.
Dowd, A. A.
Drum, William H.
Drum, Henry
Dunham, Asahel
Dunham, Leroy
Dykeman, Becker
Easland, Hendrick
Elmore, E. N.
Emigh, Alvin
Evans, Charles
Endres, Otto
Fassett, A. S.
Fellows, F. M.
Fellows, Oscar F.
Ferguson, John
Ferry, George W.
Fenn, John
French, George M.
Fox, Philip
Foote, Edward Y.
Foote, Enos,
Ford, Gilbert
Forrest, Sheldon E.
French, Cyrus W.
Fritz, William
Frein, Joseph
Granger, Harvey
Gibbons, Martin
Gibbons, Michael
Giddings, Frank E.
Gilmore, B. F.
Gilmore, Jr., B. F.
*Gibbons, William H.
Girling, Robert
Gorham, Edward L.
Gorham, LeGrand L.
*Gorham, William T.
Gorham, William W.
Goslee, William F.
Goeway, George M.
Goodhind, H. C.
Glynn, Michael
Goeway N. F.
Guenther, Henry
Hagaman, John
Hall, Hubert H.
Hall, Julius S.
Hall, Merrick G.
Hall, Salmon
Hall, Oscar
Hallock, Miles
Hasson, James
Hatch, Austin
Hatch, B. H.
Hatch,, John A.
Hatch, Stephen L.
Haywood, Alberdeen
Hayward, Albert N.
Hayward, F.
Hayes, Harlow
Hayes, Coridon
Hayes, Jared N.
Hayes, Wilson
Hawes, S. S.
Harvey, John
Heath, E. L.
Healey, David
Healey, Timothy
Herrick, Frank
Herrick, Mrs. John

*Hickey, John
Hines, James
Hollenbeck, D. D.
Hollenbeck, G. M.
*Hollenbeck, W. W.
*Hollister, Taylor & Co.,
Holmes, Charles F.
Holmes, George E.
Holmes, Harvey
Holmes, Horace
Holmes, Newton F.
Holmes, James
Howe, Edward
Howland, J. W.
Houghtaling, O. C.
Hubbard, Albert F.
Hubbard, Edwin N.
*Hubbard, Elijah N.
Hubbard, William H.
*Hubbell, A. L.
*Humphrey, Edwin D.
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Wilson, John G.
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